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ELIZABETH.

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1589.
May 1. 1. Master of Gray to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen is willing to send five or six hundred harquebussiers to the assistance of the King of Scots. Begs him to expedite the matter, and to hasten the return of the Laird of Wemyss.

May 2. 2. William Asheby to Walsyngham. The King's proceedings Pains taken by Mr. Fouller. Huntly to be imprisoned. Bothwell preparing to fly. The money coming from her Majesty for the King is most opportune.

May 3. 3. Robert Carvill to Walsyngham. Letters. No intelligence from the Laird; has no firm confidence in him, as he understands that he frequents the company of the Earl of Bothwell.

May 4. 4. Archibald Douglas to Walsyngham. Complains of Sir Joh Wogan respecting a matter of piracy.

May 4. 5. Douglas to Walsyngham. Begs that Sir John Wogan may be summoned before the Council for injury done to George Pady.

May 5. 6. Journal of the King of Scots' proceedings against his rebels Huntly, Erroll, and others, from April 10 to May 4. [*In the autograph of Lord Burghley.*]

May 5. 7. Thomas Fouller to Walsyngham. The arrival of Mr. Hudson. Gray much deceived if he hopes to win credit through England. The King loves him not. Suspicious about Archibald Douglas. The Chancellor's credit better than ever.

May 6. 8. Chancellor Maitland to Walsyngham. Will do what he can for the gentleman in whose behalf he is so earnest. Little credit to be placed in the intelligence which they receive in England from their mercenaries living in Scotland.

May 6. 9. James Hudson to Walsyngham. The Chancellor will try Gray before he credits him. Remonstrances made to him as to her Majesty's encouraging such men. Strange that they should buy men so dear who can do them no good. His Honour can consider who is meant. [*Not signed.*]

May 6. 10. James Hudson to Walsyngham. Strange state of things there. Huntly to be released. Discontent of the Chancellor. The good done by him. The money coming for the King. The King glad of the order of the Garter. Hatred of Archibald Douglas.

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May 6. Edinburgh. 11. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Chancellor's disposition towards the Master of Gray. No friendship between him and Lord Claude Hamilton.

May 8. Edinburgh. 12. James Hudson to Walsyngham. Bad state of things there. The King's need of her Majesty's help. Great want of a man of courage like Arran. Wemyss the only man able to take matters in hand. Stays there for the arrival of the Master of Gray.

May 11. Edinburgh. 13. King James to Walsyngham. Begs his particular favour towards James Raynald in respect to losses sustained from pirates.

May 12. Edinburgh. 14. William Asheby to Walsyngham. Bothwell's submission to the King. Others expected to come in. Arrival of deputies from the States. Huntly a prisoner. The approaching Convention.

May 12. Edinburgh. 15. James Hudson to Walsyngham. Wemyss's answers [from England] considered cold. The King's clemency to the false Lords. Some one must be sent to urge the King against them. The Chancellor not sufficient. Gray has done himself much harm. The ministers urge the King to severity.

May 15. Edinburgh. 16. Archibald Douglas to Walsyngham. My Lord Treasurer is friendly enough in regard to certain suits. Does not know whether that which is destined for Gray is to be taken out of the grant. Gray spoke in Douglas' behalf to the Queen.

[May.] 17. Memoranda, by the Laird of Wemyss, written apparently just before his return to Scotland, suggesting the fitness of the time for the final settlement of the league between the two kingdoms. Notes about the Garter to be taken to the King of Scots; the money to be taken to Scotland; horses for the King, and bullhounds.

May 16. 18. Walsyngham to Chancellor Maitland. The Queen will be willing to seek the disgrace of the gentleman whose friendship she now desireth him to embrace, if he do not keep good correspondence; but he now professes great sincerity.

May 17. 19. James Hudson to Walsyngham. Gray's affairs proceed well. The great need the King has of her Majesty's help, so as to keep a Guard, and be able to correct his disordered and factious people.

May 17. 20. Thomas Fouller to Walsyngham. A convention of Erroll's and Huntly's friends in the North. The Earl Marischal made Lieutenant for the King. A letter from Gray respecting Archibald Douglas. Wemyss's negotiation has wrought little good.

May 18. Edinburgh. 21. R. Wygmore to Walsyngham. The King's skill and courage in the late action. Huntly's submission. The marriage with Denmark going forward. The Earl Marischal and himself to go there.

May 20. Edinburgh. 22. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. His stay there is longer than he looked for, and the charges are such as he is not able to sustain; begs therefore some reward from her Majesty, that he may be the better able to perform his duty.

May 20. Edinburgh. 23. John Colvile to Walsyngham. Wemyss going too far in the levy of men. The Convention begins to-morrow. The Chancellor the chief support of the cause. Will do what he can for Gray.

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May 22. Edinburgh. 24. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mr. Asheby's insufficiency for his charge. The King's and the Chancellor's opinions. A banquet at Mr. Fouller's. Liberality, discretion, and credit of Mr. Fouller. Expedience of his having a private commission. The King and Chancellor better disposed towards the Master of Gray.

May 23. Edinburgh. 25. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. Good success of the Queen's forces in Spain. The King's joy. Wemyss sent back to Berwick for the money. Persuasions used with the King to control the unruly greatness of some of his nobles. The King well disposed in religion. Justice upon the rebel Earls referred to the Convention. All bent towards the match with Denmark.

May 23. 26. Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Wemyss's persuasions with the King against the match with Denmark. Others in favour of Navarre. Arraignment of Bothwell and Huntly tomorrow. Gray will be well used when he comes.

May 23. 27. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Chancellor's intention to receive the Master of Gray well. Partial dealing against the good Master. Trials of Crawford, Huntly, and Bothwell.

May [23.] 28. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Zealous proceedings of Wemyss in levying men. The money must be ready for him as nothing can be done there without it.

May 23. 29. Master of Gray to Lord Burghley. In favour of certain merchants, that they may be allowed to import certain prohibited articles into Flanders for procuring arms for the Laird of Wemyss.

May 24. 30. Articles of indictment, wherewith the Earls of Bothwell and Crawford were charged at their arraignment the 24th May 1589.

May 24. 31. Another copy.

May 25. Edinburgh. 32. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. Trial of Huntly, Crawford, and Bothwell; all three found guilty. The matter now in the hands of the King, to show mercy or judgment.

May 26. 33. Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Trial of Huntly, Crawford, and Bothwell. Result. Judgment stayed. The King's disposition towards Huntly. Bothwell and Crawford kept very strait. The ministers cry for justice. A summons sent out against Montrose and Erroll. Names of the jury on the trial of Huntly and the rest. Particulars of the indictment.

May 27. Berwick. 34. Master of Gray to Lord Burghley. His arrival there. Nothing damageable intended against Huntly. The others not to be greatly harmed. Necessity of the Queen's sending an Ambassador there. Messenger from Denmark.

May 27. 35. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Ill disposition against Bothwell and Montrose. Gray expected before. Difficulty about Dunfermline. Expedience of the King and the Chancellor's being praised sometimes. Necessity of certain persons being removed from the Court. Growing credit of Mr. Fouller.

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May 30. **36.** James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Meeting with Gray. He and the Chancellor will soon agree. Attempted escape of Bothwell ; his probable fate. Expediency of the Chancellor's being comforted.

June 2. **37.** Archibald Douglas to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A disposition to pick quarrels against him [Douglas]. Injustice intended against him. His banishment in England. His losses caused only by his desire to do her Majesty's service. The quarrel between him and the Master of Gray. The variance with the Chancellor.

June 7. **38.** Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for services. The King's disposition as to the marriage with Denmark ; the Earl Marischal going there ; interference of Mr. Peter Young ; unwillingness of the Chancellor and others to it ; general opinion about it. A tumult in the town. The Master of Gray's affection to England. His friendliness with the Chancellor, and treatment by the King.

June 11. **39.** James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Venomous letter written by Archibald Douglas against the Master of Gray ; the King and Chancellor's opinion of it. The King's disposition towards Douglas. Agreement between Gray and the Chancellor. Credit of Mr. Fouller with the King.

June 12. **40.** Anonymous [Laird of Pury Ogilvy] to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Privy entertainment of certain Jesuits in Angus by Lord Ogilvy. Erroll and Montrose still holding out in hope of the incoming of strangers. Crawford and others to receive favour.

June 13. **41.** Archibald Douglas to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forced to remind him of his suit through his necessity. William Hunter's matter not so difficult to be agreed upon.

June 14. **42.** James Colvile of East Wemyss to Sir Francis Walsyngham. He and his men will be ready to depart in twenty days after the receipt of the silver. Things are not done there as necessity requireth, because flatterers have more credit than honest men.

June 14. **43.** Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Great working for favour to the traitors. Treatment of Huntly and others. Submission of Montrose. Discontent of Glamis. Envy towards the Chancellor. Her Majesty's strange dealing towards him. The King's mistrust of Gray. The King's need of horses. Glamis and the Chancellor friended. Good will of the Chancellor if he were backed.

June. **44.** Instructions to George Earl Marischal, Andrew Lord Dingwall, James Skrymger, and Mr. John Skinner, Advocate, directed by the King of Scots for the completing of his marriage with the sister of the King of Denmark.

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June 16. Edinburgh. 45. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Unkindness between Gray and Archibald Douglas. A letter from the Prince of Parma requesting that the Spaniards there may be sent home; difficulty of doing so. Peterson, the pirate, taken. The King invited to a christening; his projected visit to the wild Highlanders; his mild dealing towards the condemned Earls. Departure of the Commissioners from the States.

June 16. • 46. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reason of his delay there. The King much inclined to pity the trespassers. The Master of Gray's patience and wise behaviour is likely to carry him through the storm.

June 18. Edinburgh. 47. Chancellor Sir John Maitland to Sir Francis Walsyngham. In favour of William Naper, that he may have a safe conduct from her Majesty to transport the Spaniards out of Scotland.

June 20. Edinburgh. 48. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. Delivery of letters to the King. A christening at Lord Hamilton's. The Earl Marischal's departure to Denmark. No conclusion likely to result without her Majesty's good liking. A murder by some Spaniards.

June 21. 49. James Hudson to [Sir Francis Walsyngham]. Is to wait upon the King at Hamilton. The King's disposition towards Gray. He will not have the abbacy of Dunfermline. Great favour shown to the traitors. Necessity of her Majesty's sending some person of countenance. Little good to be done by the Chancellor or Mr. Fouller. Zeal of the latter.

June 24. London. 50. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs a licence for David Walker to transport into Scotland certain quarters of musty, unsavoury, and very coarse wheat, which are not vendible in England.

June 25. Hamilton. 51. Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The bearer able to inform him of the state of affairs there. The little regard had to the Chancellor; and the not sending a man of account there from England hath hindered many good effects.

June 28. London: 52. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs that David Walker may be allowed to transport certain unsavoury wheat into Scotland without payment of the customs.

June 28. Edinburgh. 53. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mr. Hudson will acquaint him of the state of matters there. The King is daily more devoted to her Majesty. Begs to be recalled.

July [5.] Aberdeen. 54. Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Messengers from Denmark. Preparations for the marriage. General feeling about it. The King's want of help from her Majesty. Intended severity against the friends of Huntly and Erroll.

July 7. Edinburgh. 55. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. The bearer, Monsieur De Lisle, returning to Navarre through England, will inform him of the state of matters in Scotland at this present.

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July 13. Edinburgh. 56. James Colvile, Laird of East Wemyss, to Monsieur Busenval, Ambassador from the King of Navarre in England. Will be ready, with the help of God, to set out with his men by the end of the month. Begs him to procure of Sir F. Walsyngham a passport for himself and his companions to pass along the coast of England, and that they may be able to procure victual.

July 14. Edinburgh. 57. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Receipt of the safe conduct for transporting the Spaniards into Flanders. Ships ready. Some to be detained.

July 14. Edinburgh. 58. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. Receipt of the passport for the Spaniards. Preparations for departure. Some to be detained.

July 15. 59. [James Hudson] to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Complaint made of him by Archibald Douglas. His opinion of the proceedings against the traitor Lords. Case of a Mr. William Hunter, indebted to certain merchants.

July 17. Foulis. 60. Master of Gray to James Hudson. Agreement between Bothwell and the Chancellor. A summons to attend the King at Aberdeen. Good words of the King to him. Malice between the Chancellor and Glamis.

July 22. Edinburgh. 61. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Spaniards ready for departure. Murder of an English trumpeter. The King's movements. Safe arrival of the Earl Marischal in Denmark. The marriage to be concluded. The King a cold wooer. Feud between Farnihurst and Carr and Buccleuch Other feuds.

July 26. 62. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. In behalf of certain poor men of Ayr, who had sustained losses from pirates, and cannot obtain redress from Dr. Caesar, Judge of the Admiralty.

July 26. 63. Archibald Douglas to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Names of persons arrived from Paris. The Duke of Mayne expecting forces. Begs the Queen's consideration of his necessities, unless she wishes to have him altogether ruined.

July 28. Edinburgh. 64. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. Return of Lord Dingwall from Denmark. Complaints against the Chancellor for the delay in the marriage. Departure of the Spaniards. *Incloses,*

64. 1. *John Colvile to Mr. Asheby. Return of Lord Dingwall from Denmark Reason for the same. Probability of the conclusion of the marriage. Aberdeen, July 22.*

August 4. Nonsuch. 65. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards a letter from the Master of Gray. Begs him to open the letters in future sent to him, as Gray promised to write all secrets to him. Requests the warrant for his last voyage to Scotland.

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August 5. 66. Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Lord Dingwall's return from Denmark. The Danes offended at the King's unreasonable demands. The Princess' portion. The King's eagerness. Lord Dingwall sent back to Denmark. Their offers to be accepted. The Lady to arrive there next month. The King's need of her Majesty's help. Submission of Erroll to the King.

August 8. 67. Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Offers suggestions for the recall of Mr. Asheby, and that he himself [Fouller] should be substituted in his place.

August 19. 68. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. States his services to London. her Majesty, and remonstrates that he should now be shaken off. Begs that his debts contracted in her service may be discharged, when he will be content to return home, though with the loss of ten thousand pounds.

August 19. 69. Archibald Douglas to Sir Francis Walsyngham. His suit to the Queen. His letter to the King begging to be recalled, and the King's answer. Money to be demanded at the Convention for the King's marriage. Mr. Colvile coming to England to speak with her Majesty in favour of the marriage.

August 21. 70. Archibald Douglas to [Sir Francis Walsyngham]. Will be content with the answer he proposes to give him. His [Douglas'] wish that a gentleman of good sort should come from Scotland, and for what purpose.

August 26. 71. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Expected Edinburgh. meeting of the Convention. Difficulties in respect to the King's marriage. Bothwell at liberty. A fray between him and Lord Home.

August 28. 72. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. This gentleman [from Scotland] is in the same trade into which the Chancellor would have drawn him [Douglas] when he was last in Scotland. Begs his Lordship to examine the matter carefully, the late "accident" between Bothwell and Home confirming his suspicions.

Sept. 1. 73. The names of the nobility of Scotland well affected to England.

Sept. 3. 74. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Suspicious letters addressed to the Master of Gray. His [Douglas'] determination not to go to Court while Mr. Colvile is in England. Mr. Fouller said to be the cause of his falling out with the Master of Gray.

Sept. 7. 75. Archibald Douglas to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Letters from Scotland. Suspicious visit of one James Forrest, brother to William Forrest, of Bruges, who helped to sell the said town to the enemy.

Sept. 13. 76. G- S- to Archibald Douglas. Taking of Neufchatel Arques. by Mons. de Men [Duke of Maine]. The army of the Duke of Longueville to join with that of the King. March of Mons. de Men and his army to Eu, beside Treport. The King in possession of Dieppe. D'Aumale, De Nemours, and Brisac. Strength and situation of the Duke of Maine's army. The King of Scotland looks daily for help from England.

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Sept. 15. ^{McLwood.} 77. George St. Pole to the Privy Council. Being Sheriff of Lincolnshire this year, he cannot attend the Earl of Lincoln into Scotland without special leave from her Majesty.

Sept. 24. ^{Edinburgh.} 78. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsynghem. The day appointed for the marriage is past. The fleet supposed to be driven back by contrary winds. The King's impatience. An English gentleman, a malcontent, arrived there and countenanced by Bothwell.

Sept. 27. ^{Edinburgh.} 79. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The King satisfied with her Majesty's bounty; very sorrowful at the Queen's long stay; a fast appointed for her safe arrival. Mr. Fuller's credit.

Sept. 80. The particulars of the plate delivered to the Lord Ambassador of Scotland [for the use of the King on his marriage].

Oct. 2. ^{Edinburgh.} 81. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Expectation of the Princess of Denmark. Contrary winds. The King's trouble. Surmises. Colonel Stewart sent to search for the fleet.

Oct. 6 & 8. ^{Edinburgh.} 82. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Non-arrival of the Princess. The King's trouble. Fear of disaster. Omens. Public fast and prayer. Colonel Stewart not returned.

Oct. 10. ^{Edinburgh.} 83. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. A messenger from Denmark. The ships with the Princess driven back twice. Controversies between the Scots and the Danes in respect to the bringing the Princess at once or waiting till the spring.

Oct. 12. ^{Edinburgh.} 84. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. In reply to a misconception of some motion he had made for procuring provisions from the Borders against the arrival of the Queen.

Oct. 12. ^{Dieppe.} 85. James Colvile of East Wemyss to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs the delivery of a letter to his cousin John, and requests the forwarding of any others which may arrive for him from Scotland.

Oct. 17. ^{Leith.} 86. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In behalf of Francis Dacre who had been dispossessed of his lands, &c., by offences committed by his brother, requesting that he may be pardoned for leaving England, and may have his estates restored to him.

Oct. 23. 87. Special points of the proclamation, publicly made at the market cross in Edinburgh the morrow after the King's embarking for Denmark, setting forth the arrangements for carrying on the Government during his absence.

October 23. ^{Edinburgh.} 88. W. Asheby to Queen Elizabeth. The King's grateful acceptance of her Majesty's princely liberality towards him on occasion of his marriage. The King's impatience for his love and lady hath so transported him in mind and body, that he is about to commit himself, Leander like, to the waves of the ocean.

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October 24. 89. W. Asheby to Sir T. Heneage. Mr. Dacre's behaviour no Edinburgh. otherwise than beseemeth a good subject. The King's embarking. Order left for the government.

October 24. 90. James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Trouble likely to arise there; the most turbulent man will have his horns kept in by Lord Home. Mr. Fouller in Edinburgh Castle. His fears of Sir Francis' favour being withdrawn from him.

Nov. 2. Edinburgh. 91. William Asheby to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Letters arrived after the King's embarkation. Her Majesty's concern for his safety. The Lords assembled in Council; their determination to write to her Majesty. Bothwell's directions for the preservation of order.

Nov. 10. 92. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Displeasure conceived by Bothwell against Mr. Fouller. His retirement to Edinburgh Castle. Intercession for him. Ground of Bothwell's complaints against him.

Nov. 93. Queen Elizabeth to the Council of Scotland, during the King's absence. Orders already given for the preservation of peace on the Borders. Is content that satisfaction shall not be urged for former disorders.

Nov. 21. Edinburgh. 94. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. Inconveniences likely to arise if the King is long absent. Unkindness between the Lord Hamilton and Bothwell.

Nov. 24. Edinburgh. 95. William Asheby to Lord Burghley. Satisfaction of Bothwell and others at her Majesty's gracious acceptance of their devotion. Rumours concerning the present proceedings in France.

[Nov.] 96. Queen Elizabeth to Lord John Hamilton. Her satisfaction that the King has appointed him a chief person of the Government during his absence; her hope of his continuing well affected to her, and of his preventing any disorders that may be attempted by evil disposed persons.

Nov. 27. Somerset House. 97. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl Bothwell. Informs him how very unpleasant it had been to her, to hear that he was one of those concerned in the attempt to bring strangers into that kingdom. Expresses her satisfaction that he has returned to a right course, and assures him of a thankful requital by any means by which she may do him good.

Dec. 1. 98. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of the instructions to be given to her Majesty's Ambassador going to Scotland; to confer with Lord Hamilton, Bothwell, and others, for the suppression of a factious party there, and to offer them assistance.

Dec. 3. 99. Memorial of instructions for Mr. Robert Bowes, being presently sent into Scotland, during the absence of the King in Denmark, to confer with Lord Hamilton and the Council of Scotland in respect to some alterations expected to fall out there, and to offer assistance for the suppression of the factious.

Dec. 3. 100. Copy of the same.

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Dec. 101. An answer to be delivered by Mr. Bowes, her Majesty's Ambassador in Scotland, to Colonel Stewart, upon certain propositions made by him for the defence of the two kingdoms against the invasion of the King of Spain.

Dec. 7. 102. Thomas Fouller to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for Edinburgh his intercession with Bothwell. A christening. Expected meeting Castle. of Bothwell, Erroll, the late Earl of Arran, and others. Fears. Appearance of troubles. Need of an Ambassador. Inefficiency of the present one. Reported landing of Spaniards. Crichton the Jesuit's letters from the Low Countries. Lord Hamilton a sound man.

1589 ? 103. [James Hudson to Sir Francis Walsyngham]. Recommends the desire of the [Scottish] Ambassador, who was anxious to procure information respecting the Master of Oliphant and other Scottish gentlemen, who were reported to have been captured by a pirate and are now in slavery in Algiers.

1589. 104. The names of the shires and noblemen of Scotland, and how they are affected [in religion, &c.]

1589 ? 105. The names of such Scottish men and women as receive pensions of the King of Spain.

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Jan. 9. 1. William Asheby to Lord Burghley and Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards some intercepted letters from the Catholics in Scotland to their "accomplices" in London, and a cipher wherewith to decipher them.

Richmond. 2. Thomas Lake to Mr. Phillips. Forwards some letters, sent by Mr. Asheby, to be deciphered; guesses the writing to be that of the Master of Gray.

Jan. 27 3. Archibald Douglas to Sir Francis Walsyngham. His nephew has arrived with matters of moment from Bothwell. Wishes to know when the Queen's leisure will serve for him to lay them open to her.

Feb. 10. 4. Queen Elizabeth to Earl Bothwell. Her contentment at his purgation of himself from the things reported against him. Never meant to "touch" him, and never "edged" the King against him in particular. The more careful he will be of the King's estate the more ready will she be to acknowledge his honourable endeavours therein.

Feb. 10. 5. Queen Elizabeth to the Duke of Lennox. Thanks him for his good disposition towards the maintenance of amity between her and the King of Scots.

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Feb. ? 6. Duke of Lennox to the Earl of Bothwell. His satisfaction at the Queen of England's gracious allowance of his intentions for the protection of his Sovereign from Spanish leagues. Authorises him to sign a contract to her Majesty in his name to this effect.

Feb. 16. Edinburgh. 7. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In behalf of Mr. Samuel Cockborne, who had been robbed by English pirates.

March 5. Edinburgh. 8. Anonymous to James Hudson, at the Rose and Talbert, Gracious Street. Letter from Spain from Robert Bruce; others from the King of Spain, the Bishops of Ross and Glasgow.

March 16. Edinburgh. 9. Robert Bowes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Movements of Bothwell. His meeting with Fentry, Huntly, and Erroll. Long absence of Mr. Richard Douglas. The captain of the Spanish barque to be let escape. Colonel Stewart going to Denmark.

March 20. Edinburgh. 10. Robert Bowes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Bothwell not returned. Suspicion of his having entered into a course with Huntly and Erroll. The news of the French King's success against the Duke of Maine trouble the Spanish party in Scotland greatly.

March 31. Cronborg Castle. 11. King James to Mr. Bowes. Has done what he can in respect to the raids on the Borders. Still continues in the same mind towards England. His good will is tied to no man in Scotland if he swerves from following him in that course that he wrote of in his last.

March 31. Cronborg Castle. 12. King James to the Council of Scotland. The bearer commissioned to see certain directions concerning his honour put into execution. Doubts not that they will have left anything undone of his commandments.

March 31. 13. Memorandum of directions given by the King of Scots to the Laird of Carmichael on his return from Denmark to Scotland, of matters to be done there, the levying of hagbutteers, and preparations to be made against his Majesty's return.

April 3. Edinburgh. 14. Robert Bowes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Commends the good behaviour of Mr. Richard Wigmore during his stay in Scotland.

April 3. Edinburgh. 15. Robert Bowes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Persuasions used to Bothwell to cast off his intelligence with Spain. Capture of a Spanish barque. Bothwell desirous to have letters of marque for vessels to be employed against Spain. Efforts to catch the Bishop of Derry. Letters from abroad addressed to Erroll and others.

April 3. Edinburgh. 16. Robert Bowes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Bothwell's promise to run her Majesty's course. His efforts with the Spanish faction. Suspicious persons lurking in Northumberland.

April 4. Cronborg Castle. 17. King James to Mr. Bowes. Colonel Stewart arrived there with letters. The Queen's good liking of the overture he has made to her. Never employed himself in anything with better will, and will do all in his power during his abode there.

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April 5. 18. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley and Sir Francis Walsyngham. Edinburgh. Hiding place of the Bishop of Derry ; his fear to be apprehended ; his errand. Irish matters. The Spanish barque in the custody of Bothwell.

April 5. 19. Robert Bowes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Edinburgh. Letters from the Master of Gray. The matter touched on in one is too hollow and dangerous. Bothwell and Richard Douglas absent.

April 5. 20. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs to know when the Queen will receive the Lord Justice Clerk, Ambassador from the King of Scotland. Wishes to know also what her Majesty would wish the Earl of Bothwell to do besides the staying to send Mr. Richard Douglas.

April 7. 21. Chancellor Sir John Maitland to Mr. Bowes. Elsinore. The bearer entrusted with the King's directions. Intends in a few days to be his own messenger, and to give him trial of his devotion to the happy amity between their two Sovereigns.

April 7. 22. Colonel W. Stewart to Mr. Bowes. Elsinore. Copenhagen ; and one directed express from his Majesty to understand where a conference with the Chancellor will be most convenient.

April 8. 23. Earl of Bothwell to Mr. Bowes. Kincardine. Finding that he could not repair so quickly to Edinburgh as he looked for, has sent Mr. John Colvile to acquaint him with his proceedings.

April 9. 24. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. The Queen's desire that Bothwell should not stay his letters to the Prince of Parma. Bothwell gone to Dunkeld to compound the griefs between Atholl and Montrose and Erroll, and to arrange for the apprehension of the Bishop of Derry. Her Majesty's opinion of Bothwell has fallen ; his behaviour. Measures taken to prevent the designs of the Bishop of Derry.

April 9. 25. Copy of the same letter.

April 9. 26. Robert Bowes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Edinburgh. The Queen's wish that Bothwell should not stay his letters to the Prince of Parma. The Earl greatly wounded at the change in her Majesty's disposition towards him. His behaviour. The Bishop of Derry's design to stir rebellion in Ireland. *Incloses*,

26. i. *John Colvile to Mr. Bowes. Bothwell's regret at the Queen's altered disposition towards him. His protestations. His intention to send out some ships against the King of Spain. The Bishop of Derry. Bothwell's journey to reconcile Atholl, Montrose, and Erroll. Stirling, April 9*

April 16. 27. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scotland. Assurances of affection towards her and the King, and congratulations on their alliance. Hopes to hear of their happy return to Scotland. Fr.

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April 16. Edinburgh. 28. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Receipt of letters announcing the death of Sir Francis Walsyngham. Bothwell's return ; his intention to cut off all intelligence with the Prince of Parma according to her Majesty's wish ; his professions and sorrow at her altered opinion of him ; reconciliation with Lord Home. The Bishop of Derry departed to Angus. Maconell ; difficulty of taking him alive. Death of Mr. Thomas Fouller ; jewels of the King's and writings left by him. Lord Hamilton at the Borders for redress of justice. A fray. Letters from Denmark. A Guard to be raised for defence of the King's person. Preparations for the King's return.

April 21. 29. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Letter from Scotland. Whatever his Lordship thinks expedient he should write either to Bothwell or Richard Douglas he shall be ready to do. The levying of forces in Scotland is thought to be for the preservation of the Chancellor rather than the King. *Incloses,*

29. i. *Richard Douglas to Archibald Douglas. My Lord's [Bothwell's] impatience for his coming to London. Sorrowful news of the death of Mr. Secretary. Bothwell's willingness to follow the course laid down by her Majesty. His fruitless efforts to reconcile Huntly, Erroll, and others. Huntly sick. Bothwell and Home agreed. Edinburgh, April 14.*

April 21. 30. The beginnings and grounds of the particular griefs and discords arisen amongst the nobles of Scotland, Atholl, Montrose, Erroll, Huntly, and others.

April 21. Elsinore. 31. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of George Mar, Burgomaster of Elsinore, that he may be permitted to transport out of England twelve hundred pieces of cloth free of custom.

April 22. Edinburgh. 32. Laird of Coldenknows, Lord Dingwall, Sir Robert Melvill, Laird of Carmichael, and Peter Young to Queen Elizabeth. Request her pardon for John Gibson, Scotchman, a preacher, and another, unjustly convicted of robbery at Leicester.

April 24. Edinburgh. 33. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Difficulty of taking the Bishop of Derry. Has stayed Captain Hackerston as was desired. Bothwell's request for letters of marque. Preparations for the King's welcome. Conference between his Majesty and Hemingius in Denmark on matters of religion : their agreement except as regards predestination. Beginning of a Reformation among the learned in Denmark.

April 29. Edinburgh. 34. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The journey of Mr. Douglas stayed. Bothwell's letters to the Prince of Parma to be sent forthwith. Explanation given to Bothwell in regard to the Queen's displeasure towards him. Promises of favour to him. Mr. Fouller's papers delivered to his servant. Levy of a Guard for the King. The Bishop of Derry said to be passed into England. O'Neill's

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complaints against Tyrone. A report of her Majesty's intention to surprise the King of Scots at sea on his return from Denmark. *Incloses,*

34. I. *Anna Campbell, wife of O'Neill [Tirlogh Lynoigh], to Mr. Bowes. Begs the forwarding of some letters to the Queen, the Lord Treasurer, and Sir John Perrott in behalf of her husband.* Glasgow, April 25.

April 29. Edinburgh. 35. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Bothwell's expectation of bounty from the Queen for the relief of his estate. Good success of the Justice Clerk in his late negotiation with her Majesty for the King of Scots.

April 30. Edinburgh. 36. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King and Queen of Scots sailed from Denmark. Arrival of Colonel Stewart at Leith. Preparations for the reception of their Majesties.

April. [London.] 37. Anonymous to ——. Received letters yesterday by way of Flushing, which are without doubt Charles Bailly's, a great papist, who lived with the Queen of Scots when her husband was murdered, and has also been prisoner here in London in the Tower. Fr.

May 1. 38. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Reports of the expectation of Spanish forces in Scotland. Begs the Queen's consideration of his debts.

May 2. Leith. 39. Proclamation for the good usage of the Danes arrived in Scotland with the King and Queen.

May 4. 40. Names of nobles and others of Scotland appointed to be at the coronation of the Queen.

May 4. 41. Names of noblemen and gentlemen of Denmark in Scotland.

May 4. 42. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs the expediting of a cause of certain Scottish merchants, now that Roger Wyndam, who spoiled them, hath come to town.

May 9. Edinburgh. 43. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Conference with the Chancellor about the projected league between England, Scotland, France, and Denmark. Queen Elizabeth's scruples about certain overtures to Spain. Promises made by Denmark. Absence of Bothwell. The jewels late in the hands of Fouller.

May 16. Edinburgh. 44. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Conference with the King about the intended league. Delay in the letters to be sent to her Majesty. The false report of her intention to "impeach" him on his way from Denmark. Penry banished from England for publishing books there. The King's willingness to apprehend the Bishop of Derry. The King's favour to the Chancellor. The coronation of the Queen deferred, lest the pageants and devices should profane the Sabbath. Petition for the establishment of church discipline.

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May 23. Edinburgh. 45. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's letter to her Majesty respecting the intended league with Spain. The King's dislike of Bothwell's communicating with the Prince of Parma. The King's intention to put at Bothwell. Letters from Huntly to the King; the King's feelings against him. His Majesty's chamber kept more quiet now; access to his presence denied to Lord Hamilton; Hamilton's apology. The coronation. *Incloses*.

45. I. *Names of the gentlemen who were knighted at the coronation of the Queen of Scotland.* May 17.

May 23. Holyrood. 46. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Attempted reconciliation of the nobles and the Chancellor. The King's intentions against the confederates of the Brig of Dee, Huntly, Erroll, Bothwell, and others. The matter of the pension promised by her Majesty to the King of Scotland, and her hesitation about paying it. Frequent alterations in Scotland.

May 28. Holyrood. 47. A summons to the Earls of Huntly and Sutherland and Mr. Patrick Gordon to appear before the King and Council of Scotland to answer for having harboured Mr. James Gordon, a jesuit, contrary to the statute.

May 29. Edinburgh. 48. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. In favour of Joachimus de Veltheim, of the chamber of the Duke of Brunswick, that he may have a passport to Denmark.

May 29. 49. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Thanks him for his motion made to the two Dukes. Will never ask anything of him that shall not be fitting. Thinks that the more Princes of Germany join in the "pact" the better.

May 30. 50. Lord Burghley to Mr. Bowes. The King of Scots' letters to her Majesty respecting the intended league with Spain. The Queen's directions on it, and her wishes in regard to her not being thought to seek peace of the King of Spain. Her Majesty approves of the King of Scots making his chamber more private, but recommends that he should not make this reformation suddenly or violently.

May 31. Edinburgh. 51. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Colonel Stewart and Mr. Skene appointed to go to the assembly of Princes at Brunswick. Sir John Carmichael to go to her Majesty. The King's need of her help. Public thanks returned by the King, at the church of St. Giles in Edinburgh, for the people's prayers and fasting in his absence; and for the great charges incurred by the public on his return with his Queen from Denmark. Departure of the Danish Commissioners. The King's resolution to banish all papists and Jesuits; alteration in his household. Huntly and others commanded to produce James Gordon, the Jesuit.

May 31. Edinburgh. 52. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's intention to establish his Secret Council. Persons approved by her Majesty to be appointed. The King's perplexity in regard to the money he expects from her Majesty. Efforts of some to estrange his mind from her.

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May. 53. "Heads for our Privy Council," as set down by the King of Scots, of duties to be performed by them, and of matters connected with the welfare of the kingdom presently to be attended to.

[May.] 54. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scotland. Congratulations on her safe arrival and on her marriage. Fr.

June 4. Edinburgh. 55. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. A communication with the Chancellor in respect to the motion to be made to the King of Spain for peace. The King's feeling towards her Majesty. The Ambassadors to be dispatched at once. Raid of the Brig of Dee. Erroll sent for by the King. Lord Home a suitor to leave the realm with Bothwell. The jewels late in the hands of Thomas Fouller, belonging to the Lady Arbella, which the King will take advice about when he can see the Lady Margaret's Will.

June ? 56. "Advices from Scotland":—The Convention to take place on the 7th; Nobles expected. Ships in readiness for Spain. Spaniards in France. A reputed intention of Lord Home to have captured the King. The Queen with child. Preparation of Spanish ships at Bourdeaux.

June 6. Holyrood. 57. King James to Lord Burghley. The bearer and others are appointed to travail in the negotiation in Germany of which he has already acquainted her Majesty. Their instructions will be shown to her that nothing may be done without her advice and consent.

June 7. Edinburgh. 58. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The bearer, William Fouller, the son of Mr. Thomas Fouller, deceased, cannot obtain the jewels, bonds, writings, &c., which belonged to his father, and which had been seized by Bothwell. The King claims payment of the money due to Mr. Fouller, but he [Bowes] is trying to prevent it.

June 9. Edinburgh. 59. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Colonel Stewart and Mr. Skene set out to-day. Purport of their commission to the Princes of Germany. The Queen to disallow of Colonel Stewart if she pleases. Her Majesty to be asked to pay their expenses. Convention appointed; few nobles expected. Discontent and troubles looked for.

June 9. 60. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Has been forced to forfeit one bond, and expects to be obliged to forfeit another of a thousand pounds on the 11th instant. Begs that her Majesty may be reminded of her promise to defray his charges.

June 10. Holyrood. 61. King James to Lord Burghley. The bearer [Sir John Carmichael] sent to her Majesty on his own particular affairs, to procure a direct answer to such things as had been put off before. Desires nothing but certainty, and that promises may be kept towards him.

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June 12. Edinburgh. 62. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen's refusal to allow Colonel Stewart to be a principal in the Commission. The King's defence of him. The King's need of her Majesty's aid in money. The jewels, late in the hands of Thomas Fouler, belonging to the Lady Arbella are detained by the King in recompence of legacies bequeathed to him by the Countess of Lennox. The Convention. Bothwell expected to join it. Daily discords. Complaints of piracies. •

June 12. Holyrood. 63. The King of Scotland's proclamation, summoning certain persons to answer for their contempt, in wilfully remaining at the process of the horn.

June 14. 64. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs that he will move the Queen for his relief, having forfeited two bonds for debts contracted in her Majesty's service.

June 15. Edinburgh. 65. Edward Somerset, Earl of Worcester, to Lord Burghley. His arrival. Refusal of Lord Home to meet him. A surprise by a band of horsemen on the road. Audience of the King. The Queen's toothache; the English saying about the toothache. Convention of the nobility. Matters treated on; coin; the Lords of Session; Church matters. *Incloses*,

65. i. *Abstract of the matters treated on at the Convention of the Nobles of Scotland for the reformation of certain matters relating to the Church.* June 14.

June 15. Edinburgh. 66. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Information given by him to the Earl of Worcester. Commissioners for Border causes. Request made to Bothwell by the King in regard to some persons who had been spoiled by pirates; his refusal to agree to it. The Chancellor thankful for his [Burghley's] good opinion.

June 20. Edinburgh. 67. Earl of Worcester to [Lord Burghley]. Proceedings of the Convention. Secret Council. The Sessions. Coin. The Borders. Huntly suing to the King for favour. Errol; the aspersions against him. Matters between the King and Bothwell. *Incloses*,

67. i. *Articles to be accorded between the King of Scots and Earl of Bothwell, for exchange of the lordship of Liddesdale.* June.

June 20. 68. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs a passport for Dr. Josephus Michael who is going to Holland.

June 21. Edinburgh. 69. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Excuse for not attending the Convention, made by the Laird of Auchindown, who was to have brought in James Gordon, and the band for the Raid of the Brig of Dee. Suits for Huntly. The King's resolution against him. Such matters should not so lightly be passed over.

June 22. Holyrood. 70. Anne Queen of Scotland to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks her for her letters and congratulations, and assures her of her affection. Refers to the Earl of Worcester, her Majesty's Ambassador. Fr.

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June 28. Holyrood. 71. King James to Lord Burghley. In favour of John Montgomery, servant to Mr. Thomas Fouler, deceased, that he may have the place of a waiter in the port of London, and that he may have licence to transport 50 tons of beer from London to Edinburgh.

June 29. Edinburgh.

72. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Money furnished by her Majesty for Colonel Stewart and Mr. Skene. The King's proceedings against the associates of the Brig of Dee. Huntly's offers of submission to the King. Erroll brought secretly to the King. Bothwell gone over the water in great discontent. Piracy upon the English by a Spanish barque. Border matters. Every parish church to have a minister. The King and Queen commencing a progress for their pastime. Efforts in behalf of Mr. Archibald Douglas.

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1. Payments made, in England, to the use of the King of Scots, from August 1588 to July 1590, amounting to 20,000*l.*

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2. James Hudson to [Lord Burghley]. Huntly offers himself for trial. James Gordon licensed to depart the country. Dissatisfaction. Persuasions of the Chancellor with the King. Expediency of the Queen's reprimanding his clemency and carelessness. [Not signed.]

July 3.
St. Andrew's.

3. Robert Bowes to —. In favour of Colonel Stewart in reference to certain reports made against him, and which he desires may be inquired into.

July 4.
Edinburgh.

4. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Particulars of piracies committed by a Spanish barque. Englishmen burnt by the Spaniards. Delayed redress in Border causes. The King's letter to Bothwell. A minister suspended by him. Pardon to those concerned in the Brig of Dee. The King's intention to prevent the marriage of Erroll with the daughter of Morton. New grief sprung up. Expected pardon of Huntly. Visit of a Dutch witch to the King; the great and noble acts to be done by him. *Incloses,*

4. i. *King James to the Earl of Bothwell. Requests an answer in respect to his not having relieved him of the Bill of Mindram; also in regard to the "memorie" touching Liddesdale.*
Holyrood, July 2.

4. ii. *Act of the Secret Council of Scotland, ratifying the King's pardon, on certain conditions, to those who took arms against him and his authority at the Brig of Dee.*

Edinburgh, July 1.

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July 6. 5. Queen Elizabeth to the King of Scotland. Warns him against a sect newly arisen in both their realms, such as would have no Kings, but a Presbytery. Advises him to stop the mouths or make shorter the tongues of those who make orations for the persecuted in England for the Gospel; and hopes that, howsoever he be pleased to bear with their audacity towards himself, he will not suffer her to receive such indignity at the hands of such caterpillars.

July 7. 6. Earl of Bothwell to King James. Shall travail to put all the inhabitants in Liddesdale under his Highness' obedience. Begs his Majesty's favour to his wife, bairns, and servants, in his absence.

July 11. 7. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. "Griefs" between the Edinburgh. Chancellor and Glamis. The associates of the Brig of Dee to be pardoned. Appearance of Morton before the King and Council; intercession for him. The King's anger. Movements of Bothwell. Pirates. Huntly's leave to come to the King's presence. *Incloses,*

7. 1. *Declaration by William Cockburn and others, of robbery committed on them by English pirates off Yarmouth.*

Edinburgh, July 11.

[July 11.] 8. Robert Bowes to [Lord Burghley]. Communicates the desire of Sir Alexander Stewart to serve the Prince of Parma, and an offer made by him to serve the Queen there; and requests her Majesty's answer to the same.

July 11. 9. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Overtures made to the Edinburgh. Master of Gray for the destruction of the Chancellor, and communicated to Bothwell. Bothwell's reply. Glamis and Gray fallen out. Expected dissensions.

July 12. 10. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs that he will London. move the Queen to have some consideration of his debts contracted in her service.

July 14. 11. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In behalf of Edward Edinburgh. Johnson, of Edinburgh, for favour in a cause he hath to deal in with the French Ambassador.

July 14. 12. Master of Gray to Lord Burghley. Professions of zeal to Edinburgh. England. Resignation of his title to Dunfermline in favour of the Queen of Scotland.

July 16. 13. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Reconciliations. Overtures of Erroll to the Chancellor. The Chancellor and Glamis. Edinburgh. Commissioners to be sent to Spain. Huntly, Erroll, and others to be warded. Apprehension of some pirates. Arrest of one of Angus' servants; rescue. Angus committed. Arrival of Huntly. Proceedings of Bothwell.

July 16. 14. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Master of Gray's Edinburgh. resignation of his interest in Dunfermline to the King. The King to repay him out of her Majesty's "gratitude." Gray's suit to her Majesty and his Lordship about it.

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July 16.
Edinburgh.

15. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Secret information from the Master of Gray. An offer of marriage to be made between the Prince of Parma and the Lady Arbella; its communication to the King of Scots. Gray's resignation of his interest in Dunfermline. The King's proposal to pay him out of the gratuities sent from England.

July 17.
Edinburgh.

16. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In favour of John Montgomery, servant to the late Mr. Fouller, and his suit to have the reversion of his father's office, or a similar one.

July 20.

17. Jehan de Lessellie [Lesley], nephew of the Bishop of Ross, to [Lord Burghley]. Thanks him for his intention to release him from prison, but begs that he may be supported at the Queen's expense, knowing no one in the country who can assist him. Fr.

July 23.
Edinburgh.

18. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's intentions towards those of his subjects as had attempted to make a party against him. Doubts of the Chancellor. Penry to be banished. Prayers of the ministers for those persecuted in England for religion. Sir James Melville to be one of the Commissioners for Spain Piracies. Arraignment of some witches. The Dutch prophetess.

July 23.
Edinburgh.

19. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Desires to know the Queen's pleasure in regard to an offer made by Sir Alexander Stewart. The Master of Gray will be there in a few days in respect to the intelligence he communicated of a projected marriage. Requests advice.

July 27.

20. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Entreats him to move the Queen to have consideration of his present state of necessity, to the which he has been reduced for good will borne to her Majesty's service.

July 29.

21. Answer made by the King of Denmark to the Scottish Ambassadors, William Stewart and John Skene:—Thanks to be given to the King of Scotland for his friendly communication of advice and opinions. The Ambassadors to convey to his Majesty the most friendly messages of affection both from the King of Denmark and the Queen his mother. The King of Denmark cannot sufficiently extol the zeal of King James in endeavouring to strengthen the cause of the Church of Christ, now so greatly imperilled by the warlike attitude of neighbouring Kings, and his wish to bring about reconciliation and concord between the Protestant Princes of Germany. The King of Denmark has given letters and messages to King James' Ambassadors for the Electors and other Princes of Germany. Lat.

August 1.
Edinburgh.

22. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Mediation in respect to the troubles among the nobles. Bothwell and Glamis reconciled through the King. Angus set at liberty. Penry to be banished. Prayers of the ministers for those imprisoned in England. Commissioners to be appointed for Spain. Bothwell desirous to have the custody of the castle. Warning given to the King. Pirates. The Ambassadors at Brunswick. Impost on wine. Coin. *Incloses*,

22. i. *The names of Nobles and others upon his Majesty's Secret Council, Officers of State, the King's Household, &c.*

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[August.] 23. List of Councillors established in the Parliament of 1587, and Councillors and Officers of State established after the King's return from Denmark.

August 5. Edinburgh. 24. Master of Gray to Lord Burghley. A misunderstanding in respect to his demand of a thousand pounds owing him by the King, to be repaid out of her Majesty's bounty to him.

August 6. Edinburgh. 25. Memorial of sundry things moved to the King of Scotland by Mr. Bowes:—The sending two Commissioners to Spain; Border matters; banishment of Penry; the ministers to be forbidden from using any form of prayer against the Government of England; certain English prisoners to be liberated.

August 6. 26. Act of the King in Council, for the banishment of John Penry, Englishman, from Scotland.

August 7. 27. Act of the King in Council, promising to ratify all matters agreed on by the Council, and the names of the Counsellors chosen to be resident at Edinburgh during the King's progress.

August 8. Edinburgh. 28. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Matters moved to the Chancellor. Ordering of the Borders and the Isles. A Council to be appointed in the King's absence. Liberal offers of Angus M^cOnell and others to the King.

August 13. Edinburgh. 29. The Chancellor of Scotland, John Lord Maitland, of Thirlstane, to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his remembrance and professes friendship. Assures him of his zeal to preserve the friendship begun between their two Sovereigns.

August 14. 30. Proclamation of the King of Scots, prohibiting the carriage of wines to Newhaven, St. Valerie, and other Catholic places disobedient to the present authority of the King of France.

August 14. Edinburgh. 31. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's determination against those concerned in the matter of the Brig of Dee. Doubts about Erroll. Commissioners appointed for Spain. Border matters. Bothwell to give up Liddesdale to the King. Penry to be banished. Desired renewal of the league with France. Pirates. The Chancellor and Carmichael pleased at the good opinion conceived of them. Troubles expected at Michaelmas.

August 14. Edinburgh. 32. Sir John Carmichael to Lord Burghley. Thanks for courtesies shown to him during his stay in London, and proffers service to himself and her Majesty.

August 22. 33. Answer of William Landgrave of Hesse to the Ambassadors of the King of Scotland, Colonel Stewart and Mr. Skene, on their mission to propose a league with Scotland and other countries. Lat.

August 25. Edinburgh. 34. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's progress. The Chancellor. State of the kingdom. An exchange to be made between a Scottish and Spanish prisoner. Cruelties of the Spaniards at Orkney.

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August 26. 35. R. Hamylton, of Huikheid, to his sister Elizabeth Hamilton, Lady Stenhous. Has continued in good health notwithstanding the frequent deaths in that country. Desires to be commended to her husband.

August 30. 36. Christian Duke of Saxony to the King of Scotland. His Dresden. Majesty's letters. His zeal for the Christian republic; the great dangers which require such zeal. Doubts about the efficacy of his plan with those who are engaged in war. The matter to be deliberated on. Nothing to be omitted which will tend to peace and tranquillity. Lat.

Sept. 4. 37. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. A cause solicited by Archibald Johnston and others against Roger Wyndham. The exchange of Richard Blith, Scotchman, for a Spaniard. The proposed league with the French King. Border matters. Prosecution of the confederates of the Brig of Dee. Doubts about the departure of the Spaniards from Orkney. James Gordon, the Jesuit, at Edinburgh. General quiet.

Sept. 4. 38. Robert Bowes to [the Privy Council]. Edinburgh. Exchange of Blith the Scotchman for a Spaniard. Suit of Archibald Johnston and others against Roger Wyndham for spoils.

Sept. 7. 39. King James to Lord Burghley. Falkland. In favour of George Padie, of Leith, who had sustained injuries from divers English captains while in the prosecution of his lawful trade.

Sept. 9. 40. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs him to hasten the forwarding to Scotland of certain letters received from Colonel Stewart. Begs that he may have some relief of the Queen for the satisfaction of his creditors.

Sept. 10. 41. Charles Nevill, Earl of Westmoreland, to the King of Scotland. Professes his devotion to him as to his Sovereign, as he did to the Queen his mother, and offers his services in such manner as he will learn from the bearer. *[In the handwriting of James Hudson.]*

Sept. 17. 42. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. Reported return of the Spaniards to Orkney; their boasts of Englishmen killed by them. The King's indignation. Reported entry of the Prince of Parma into Paris. A fast and prayers for the success of the French King. James Gordon, the Jesuit, not yet gone out of the country.

[Sept.] 43. A statement of English ships taken by the Spaniards on the North coast of England and at Faroe Island.

Sept. 22. 44. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. False report of the return of the Spaniards to Orkney. The Laird of Buccleuch's licence to go abroad for the benefit of his health. His offers of service.

Sept. 27. 45. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Holyrood. In behalf of William Sutheroun, of Weston, within the Bishopric of Durham, exiled on account of a murder committed by his brothers upon Richard Heavyside, of Yarrow.

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Sept. 30. 46. King James to Lord Burghley. In favour of William Cockburn, merchant of Edinburgh, who had been robbed by Captain Gwynn, a pirate.

Sept. 30. 47. A copy of the same letter.

Oct. 2. 48. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The reported return of the Spaniards to Orkney and the slaying of 300 Englishmen. The well-affected in Scotland much comforted by the state of affairs in France. Deliberations in respect to Border causes. Order taken in respect to the Brig of Dee. The Papists putting forth their horns. Overtures of Huntly to the Chancellor. Suits to the King in behalf of Sir William Keith. The Scotts of Buccleuch. A little book presented to the King by Jvhn Davison, a minister, against the sermon of Dr. Bancroft. The King is much troubled about it, and desires to suppress it.

Oct. 5. 49. Provost and Bailies of Edinburgh to Lord Burghley. In Edinburgh. behalf of William Cockburn, whose ship and goods had been spoiled by a pirate, Captain Gwynn, in Yarmouth Roads.

Oct. 5. 50. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. False reports spread by the papists about the occurrences in France. The Lord Sanquhar determined to go abroad; the Queen's passport requested for him. Lord Fleming's thanks for the licence granted to him to go through England.

Oct. 7. 51. King James to Lord Burghley. Commends Lord Scrope Holyrood. for the zealous and effectual discharge of the duties of his Warderly.

Oct. 8. 52. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. The King much comforted by the French news. His wonder at the estimation held of her Majesty by the Great Turk. His professions towards her. Bothwell. Articles to be observed by the preachers. Hopes of the papists. Signs of disquiet.

Oct. 9. 53. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. In favour of William Cockburn, in respect to the losses sustained by him from Gwynn the pirate.

Oct. 12. 54. King James to Lord Burghley. Holyrood. In respect to certain coiners of Scottish money, and begging that the bearer, William Cockburn, may have his assistance in procuring information of the same.

Oct. 19. 55. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. Requests his favour towards a servant of the Queen of Scots who is returning to Denmark.

Oct. 21. 56. King James to Lord Burghley. Holyrood. Requests that certain merchants of Edinburgh may have permission to buy ordnance to fit out an expedition against some persons of Newhaven, St. Valerie, and other places.

Oct. 21. 57. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. Recommends the matter requested by the King in behalf of certain persons to whom he has granted letters of reprisal against the Leaguers.

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Oct. 24. 58. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's anxiety about the French news. His resolution against the Leaguers. Return of Colonel Stewart. Letters brought by him from the Princes of Germany. Suit in favour of Huntly. His [Bowes'] dissuasions with the King on the subject. The Papists. Efforts to suppress Mr. Davison's book. Border causes. A gentleman from Prague. Suspicions about him. Huntly and Atholl agreed. Bothwell. Capture of Bass the pirate.

Oct. 24. 59. Colonel William Stewart to Lord Burghley. Copies of the letters received from the Princes, to whom he was directed in Denmark and Germany, have been sent to Mr. Bowes. William Vander Wens is directed to deal with the Council of Denmark, and Duke of Brunswick to hasten their decision. The Prince Christian of Anhalt likely to be the person employed in the matter.

Oct. 31. 60. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Colonel Stewart's late negotiation. Desires to know her Majesty's opinion of it.

Oct. 31. 61. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Appearance of danger from the papists. Designs on the Chancellor. Glamis expected to supply his place. Proceedings of the King. Spanish designs on Denmark. Expected answer from the foreign Princes in respect to Colonel Stewart's negotiation. A fray between Lord Claude Hamilton and the town of Renfrew.

Nov. 7. 62. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Affairs of France. Efforts of the papists to raise money. Their overtures to the Chancellor. Rising of the storm against the Chancellor. Warm words between him and the King. Regulations in respect to the Council. A case of piracy.

Nov. 10. 63. Lord Maitland of Thirlstane to Lord Burghley. In favour of Captain Rentoun, who had served in the Low Countries and was returning there.

Nov. 20. 64. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's resolution against the papists. Advice from the Queen of England. The King's reception of it. Angus and others to be committed to ward. Letters of marque against the Leaguers. Border matters. Bothwell's slackness to redress disorders. Penry and his seditious books. The ministers. The Chancellor. Glamis. Morton. Lord Claude Hamilton's tears on reading the Bible; the infirmity in his family. Pirates.

Nov. 20. 65. King James to Informs him of the falsehood of a report spread by Archibald Douglas, that he had received a letter and a new commission from him, and disavows any intention of employing him again in his service.

Nov. 28. 66. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Master of Gray suspected to be the chief accuser of the Chancellor. Return of Glamis to the Court. Reported arrival of an Englishman with money for the papists. Design of the King of Spain on Calais. Francis Dacre going to Flanders. Lord Claude Hamilton returned to his senses. Examination of sundry witches. The King wishes the liberation of John Leslie.

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Dec. 1. Holyrood. 67. King James to Lord Burghley. Requests the setting at liberty of a young gentleman named John Leslie, who had been made prisoner, on his return from the schools of France, on the ground that he was a special servant of the Bishop of Ross.

Dec. 5. Holyrood. 68. Act of the Scottish Council, against the giving away or disposition of the King's rents, customs, &c., and calling upon certain persons to account for the possession of the same.

Dec. 7. Edinburgh. 69. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Davison's pamphlet. Mr. Bancroft's offensive sermon. Attack upon the house of the Earl of Murray by Huntly. Huntly asks presence of the King. Remonstrance made by himself [Bowes] to the King. Huntly to be warded at St. Andrews. Border matters. Pirates. Francis Dacre going to Spain. Murder of William Carr. A confession made by Sampson, the great witch, to the King; Lord Claude's name is given out in the matter, and that of several other noble personages.

Dec. 7. Edinburgh. 70. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. A band for the overthrow of the Chancellor. The change which will be worked in the State if it succeeds. Permission granted to Sir James Stewart to recover his possessions. Warning given to the Chancellor and others. *Incloses,*

70. i. "A combination of divers of the nobility of Scotland for removing of certain officers about the King." December.

Dec. 7. Holyrood. 71. The Chancellor of Scotland, Lord Maitland of Thirlstane, to Lord Burghley. The King of Scots' good meaning. Excuses for his lenity towards the papists. A broil between Murray, Huntly, and others. The King's misliking of Bancroft's submission. Border matters.

Dec. [7.] 72. Roger Aston to James Hudson. A set battle expected in the North; its prevention. Huntly's commission annulled. The attack on Murray's house. Huntly, Atholl, and Murray warded. Huntly desirous to come to the Court. Agreement with the Chancellor.

Dec. 18. Edinburgh. 73. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The taking of the Spanish barque at the Groyne. The treasure to be sent there next spring; Huntly to receive it. Persuasions used with the King against Huntly. Border matters. Penry departed. Order taken with Waldegrave the printer. Persuasions used with Francis Dacre not to leave the country; his departure. The King's opinion of Archibald Douglas. The plots against the Chancellor stayed. Huntly to give caution for the murder of Gordon; his expostulation as to the hard opinion conceived of him by the Queen; the remission granted to him. *Incloses,*

73. i. *Remission granted by the King of Scots to the Earl of Huntly for certain offences charged against him; for trafficking with strangers, receiving Spanish gold, for being concerned in a design to take his Majesty's person, &c., &c.* December 17.

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Dec. 25. Edinburgh. 74. Francis Dacre to Lord Burghley. Has stayed his departure in the hope of her Majesty's favour, through his Lordship's intercession, that he may have some help to live as a nobleman's eldest son.

Dec. 26. Edinburgh. 75. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The plot against the Chancellor. The Chancellor's indifference about it. Reconciliation between him and Glamis. Return of Francis Dacre. His suit to her Majesty. The detention of John Leslie, son of the daughter of the Bishop of Ross, in England. Border matters. Pirates. Huntly. Recovery of Lord Claude Hamilton.

Dec. 26. Edinburgh. 76. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Jealousies between the Chancellor and Glamis. Difficulty of reconciling them. Nobles against the Chancellor: his agreement with Huntly.

Dec. 28. 77. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Lord Crichton going to Italy; wishes it might be hindered. Concord in Scotland. Requests the expedition of a matter connected with the reversion of St. Catherine's, as it will tend to the relief of so many poor distressed Scotchmen.

[1590.] 78. Account by Mr. Bowes of the defray of one thousand French crowns received by him in exchange in Edinburgh.

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Jan. 6. 1. An Act for the apprehension of Mr. James Gordon for certain treasonable seditions and crafty practices, tending to the danger of the true religion.

Jan. 9. Edinburgh. 2. Colonel William Stewart to Lord Burghley. Requests him to further a cause of his in the Low Countries in reference to a debt. Intends to send there in respect to this matter, and also in regard to the desire of the Estates to be served with 2,000 more footmen under his charge.

Jan. 9. Holyrood. 3. King James VI. to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of the bearer John Paulin, who had long been a suitor for redress against some English subjects.

Jan. 13. 4. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Acts against the papists. The King's promise to lay his hand harder on them. James Gordon. Border redresses. The matters of Liddesdale. The tumults in the North. The differences between Dr. Bancroft and the ministers. Poverty of Mr. Dacre. The contention between the Laird of Cessford and the town of Jedburgh. The matter of Colonel Stewart and the Estates. Sir Archibald Stewart's wish to serve the Prince of Parma. Non-arrival of Glamis. Marriage between the children of Morton and Maxwell. A fray in the street in the presence of the King.

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Jan. 25. Edinburgh. 5. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Border disorders. Wonder at the behaviour of Glamis; his offer to surrender the Lord Treasurership to one of Huntly's friends. Deliberations of the papists to avoid the dangers threatening them. The increasing griefs between Huntly, Murray, and others. Bothwell's desire to be Captain of Edinburgh Castle. Odious murders and outrages. The King's remonstrance to Bothwell. *Incloses,*

5.1. *Act of the Scottish Council for redress of the disorders on the Borders.* • *Holyrood, Jan. 13.*

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6. —— Morgan to the Bishop of Dumblane. Matters not going on as is wished. Jealousies between the King of Spain and Prince of Parma. An affair well managed with the Duke of Savoy. Jealousy about Cardinal Allen. Father Holt much injures Crichton. Violence of Allen's course. English treasons against Scotland. *[Partly in cipher.]*

Feb. 3. Edinburgh.

7. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The convention between Huntly and others postponed. Solicitations made to Huntly to return to the Court. Preparations of Murray and Athol in consequence. Murray rides to Bothwell. The King offended. Warning given to his friends by Lord Claude Hamilton. The streets filled with the nobles and their followers. Arrival of Glamis. Distress of Francis Dacre. Escape of sundry witches into England; proceedings for their apprehension. Bothwell to make redress on the Borders.

Feb. 6. Edinburgh.

8. Robert Bowes to — The meeting between him and Bothwell for the administration of justice to be continued. The King's orders in the matter.

Feb. 12.

9. Act of the Council of Scotland, charging John Lord Maxwell, and others surety for him, to relieve the King and his Wardens of certain bills filed at the Middle March against Liddesdale.

Feb. 13. Edinburgh.

10. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Border matters. Sir John Forster's dislike to meet Bothwell with so great numbers. The King's anxiety to preserve the quiet of the Borders. A meeting of the nobles prevented by the King. Huntly and others of like stamp expected there shortly. Difficulty of uniting the nobles. The King's favour to Huntly. James Gordon still in Scotland.

Feb. 13. Edinburgh.

11. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Informs him of the behaviour of one Alley, who had arrived at Berwick with letters, but had not for some time informed him of his coming or delivered the letters. Henry Dethick and his servants to be permitted to come to Scotland for benefit of their health.

Feb. 15. Holyrood.

12. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In behalf of Archibald Johnston in respect to spoils committed upon him by Roger Wyndham.

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Feb. 15. 13. King James to Lord Burghley. Requests his favour for the bearer [Archibald Johnston] for the execution of the sentence decreed against Roger Wyndham.

Feb. 23. 14. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Particulars of the cause of the quarrel between Huntly, Murray, and others. Affair between Niddery and David Edmonston. Confessions and execution of some witches. Matters confessed against himself [Bowes] for charming a toad to hurt the King. Arraignment of Angus Maconell and Maclean. *Incloses.*

14. i. *"Certayne notes of Agnes Samsone, her confession, 27 Januarii 1590, qupon sche was convict be ane assise, and brint in Edinburgh 28 day for ane witch."* *January.*

Feb. 23. 15. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Marriage of the Chancellor's niece. Francis Dacre; the submission required of him by the Queen. Coiners. A sudden assembly. The King retires to the house of the Chancellor. The differences between the Chancellor and Glamis. Feuds betwixt Huntly and others. Pledges to be taken of Maconell and Maclean. The King's revenue. Bothwell's efforts to accomplish the redresses on the Borders. George Carr to be employed for the Catholics in Flanders. Arrival of one O'Rourke with hobbies and dogs for the King. Border matters. A Scottish witch taken in England.

Feb. 23. 16. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The arrival of O'Rourke. Edinburgh. An interview with Alley about him. Alley near the end of his business. Wishes him to visit Huntly before he returns.

Feb. 23. 17. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Money disbursed by the Chancellor for the King. The King's inability to pay it. The Chancellor's wish that it should be paid out of the gratuity which her Majesty will allow him.

Feb. 23. 18. James Hudson to Lord Burghley. The King's debt to the Chancellor. The reason why he [the Chancellor] wishes it to be paid out of her Majesty's gratuity; the good which he has done the state; expedience of granting his suit.

Feb. 23. 19. Roger Aston to James Hudson. Arrival of an Irishman with horses and dogs; his object there. Maconell and Maclean fined, and to give in pledges.

Feb. 24. 20. Lord John Hamilton to Lord Burghley. In favour of Edinburgh. Archibald Johnston, that he may have satisfaction for his losses.

Feb. 25. 21. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In favour of Archibald Edinburgh. Johnston, for recovery of losses sustained at the hands of Roger Wyndham.

Feb. 26. 22. King James to Lord Burghley. Begs licence for Francis Holyrood. Tennant and George Scott to seize any ships or goods they can find of the inhabitants of St. Valerie, and other places adhering to the League, in recompence for heavy "wrakkis" sustained from them.

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March 6. 23. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Thanks him for his brotherly conduct in respect to an Irishman named O'Rourke who had come to Scotland and sought his favour. Informs him of various treasonable actions committed by the said O'Rourke, and requests that he may be delivered up to her.

March 10. 24. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Present quietness. The Edinburgh. Chancellor thinks himself in good security. A storm expected. The King and Queen at Dalkeith. Border matters. Summons to Erroll. Crawford and others to subscribe to the articles.

March 10. 25. King James to Lord Burghley. In behalf of Thomas Hill Holyrood. for the restitution of certain pieces of munition to him.

March 15. 26. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's gratification at her Majesty's good acceptance of his proceedings about O'Rourke. His anxiety for the redress of the Border causes. The desire of the Earl of Westmoreland and other rebels to come into Scotland.

March 21. 27. Lord Burghley to Mr. Bowes. Reproves him for having any doubt as to the impropriety of the King of Scots receiving into his kingdom certain notorious rebels named in his letter, and instructs him to communicate on the subject with the Chancellor. Desires him to use all possible means that O'Rourke may not escape.

March 22. 28. Francis Daere to Queen Elizabeth. Edinburgh. His lands taken away from him for his brother's offences. His hope of the King of Scots' intercession for him. His desire to go abroad to get a legacy left him by his brother. His debts and necessities. An attempt upon his life. Appeals to her clemency.

March 22. 29. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Dalkeith. Has given order for the apprehension of O'Rourke. Would to God her greatest enemies were in his hands. All her foes shall be common enemies to them both, in spite of the Pope, the King of Spain, and all the Leaguers, not excepting his cousins, and the devil their master.

March 22. 30. Another copy of the same letter, in the handwriting of James Hudson.

March 24. 31. Robert Bowes to Lords Burghley and Hunsdon. Edinburgh. Proceedings with the King and Council in respect to the redress of Border causes. A witch. John Dixon, who killed his father. Proceedings for the delivery of O'Rourke. Reported attempts made by Huntly on Murray.

March 24. 32. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. The letters of the Earl of Westmoreland to the King and Chancellor. An offer made by Maclean to make a party against Maconell and others. Conspiracy between O'Rourke and other rebels and fugitives. Proceedings of the papists in Flanders and France.

March 25. 33. Genealogical memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of the nobility of Scotland, and names of different preachers.

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April 3. 34. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Border causes. Colonel Stewart's late negotiation in Germany. Proceedings for the capture of O'Rourke; his apprehension. The King's promise to proceed against the Papists. The Chancellor's explanation in respect to the Earl of Westmoreland. The King's promise not to receive any such practisers. The King's debts to the Chancellor and Sir John Carmichael. Impost on wines. *Incloses,*

34. i. *Act of the King and Council of Scotland for the apprehension of an Irishman named "Ororig" [O'Rourke], a subject of the Queen of England, a traitor and a rebel.*
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34. ii. *Prior of Blantyre to the King of Scots. Has apprehended the person he wrote for [O'Rourke], and begs that he may be as friendly handled as the quality of his offence will permit.*
Glasgow, March 30.

April 3. 35. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Alley's departure; his proceedings among the Catholics there; his conference with Colonel Stewart. Colonel Stewart's report against the King in respect to O'Rourke. Stewart's hope of employment.

April 6. 36. Robert Bowes to [Lord Burghley]. Unwillingness of the town of Glasgow to let O'Rourke be delivered up. A tumult in consequence. The manner of his capture by Sir John Carmichael. His debts and the cause of his staying there so long. The King's satisfaction at these proceedings. Maconell and others to be enlarged.

April 8. 37. Copy of the Act of Submission made by the Archbishop of St. Andrews [Patrick Adamson] to the Presbytery of Scotland.

April 12. 38. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. In favour of Thomas Peareman, to be pardoned for the death of Thomas Michell.

April 12. 39. Queen Elizabeth to the Tutor of the Earl of Argyll. Thanks him for his good disposition in endeavouring to persuade all the dependants of the Earl to conform to the conditions of the peace with England.

April 13. 40. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Robert Allott at Durham on his way to his Lordship. George Carr gone to prepare for the persons who will come with Allott. Plenty of gold and jewels of the King's mother's expected with them. His [Bowes'] exertions to turn the Chancellor against the papists.

April 15. 41. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The delivery of O'Rourke. The King's professions towards her Majesty. Particulars of the practices of Bothwell with a witch to procure the King's death. Bothwell's intention to leave the country. Marriage of the Duke of Lennox. The Chancellor gives good contentment to the well affected.

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April 15. 42. Andrew Mowatt, of Heligoland, to Queen Elizabeth. Complains of robberies committed on him by Captain Beare, of Ratcliffe, in Norway, and others ; and begs redress.

April 17. 43. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. An audience of the King by Bothwell ; charges made against him by the Chancellor, of conspiring with Graham the witch ; his answers ; he is committed to the castle and confronted with Graham. The King begs some fallow deer.

April 27. 44. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. O'Rourke's delivery. Edinburgh. Anxiety of the town of Glasgow for the preservation of their trade. The King's need of money. A Convention to be held for the arraignment of Bothwell. Proceedings against him. Barbara Napier, a witch. The King's intentions against Bothwell. His own debts.

April 27. 45. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. Letters received from Zachary Locke. Suspicions of their genuineness.

May 5. 46. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. The accusations against Bothwell. The King's conviction of Bothwell's conspiring against him. A fast. Chernsyde's proceedings with the witches. Overtures of Bothwell to Mar and Glamis. His own affairs and debts.

May 7. 47. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs that the patent of St. Katherine's, which the Queen has given him, may be carried to the Court for signature, that he may see what he can do with it for the relieving of his credit.

May 8. 48. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. Informis him of the interception of some of his letters, and of the ill treatment of their bearer John Snowden.

May 9. 49. R. Carr to W. Jenison at Castle Richard, Ireland. Peersbrig. Affairs of Ireland. O'Rourke delivered into England. Bothwell committed to the castle for conspiring the King's death by sorcery.

May 9. 50. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. Arraignment of Barbara Napier, a witch ; her conspiracy against the King's life, with the devil and other witches at the motion of Bothwell ; her acquittal of this charge and conviction of consulting with witches ; her life, therefore, is at the King's mercy.

May 15. 51. King James to Queen Elizabeth. His anxiety for the suppression of the disorders on the Border. The restraint of the Earl of Bothwell will breed no stay in his resolution. Holyrood.

May 15. 52. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Requests the execution of the decree in Council in respect to the action between Archibald Johnston and Roger Wyndham. Holyrood.

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May 15. 53. King James to the Privy Council. Remonstrates on the release of Roger Wyndham, and requests that justice may be done in the matter between him and Archibald Johnston.

May 15. 54. King James to Lord Burghley. Requests that satisfaction may be made in the matter between Roger Wyndham and Archibald Johnston according to the decree of the Council.

May 16. 55. Sir Robert Melvill to Lord Burghley. Requests favor to the bearer his kinsman. Desires advice as to the trial of some coiners.

May 19. 56. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Conveys a request from the Provost and Burgesses of Edinburgh, that justice may be done in the matter between Archibald Johnston and Roger Wyndham.

May 21. 57. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Credits Henry Lok, instructed to communicate sundry matters to him. The King is greatly disquieted by the absence of the Lords from the Convention, and the matters connected with the trial of Barbara Napier. Proceedings about the witches. The King's gratuity from her Majesty. The guests expected with Allott.

May 26. 58. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Discovery of the Spanish navy on the coasts of Scilly and Cornwall. Thanks for private services. A libel set on the King's chamber door respecting the witches. Proceedings against certain papists. Attempted reconciliation of the Chancellor and Glamis.

May 27. 59. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Letters from the Justice Clerk. Arrival of Buccleuch from Flanders. Begs the expedition of that which the Queen hath given him.

May 30. 60. The Prince of Parma to the King of Scotland. His letters in favour of the Sieur Stewart. Nothing is more agreeable to him than the sight of those who come from his Majesty. Fr.

June 8. 61. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The amount of the gratuity to be allowed by her Majesty to the King. Legal proceedings. Trial of witches. The King's oration on the subject. *Incloses,*

61. i. *The “Inquest” held upon Barbara Napier in the Tolbooth, containing a long speech by the King, in reference to his unusual presence there, a defect in the laws, the cause of great crimes in Scotland, his own impartiality, the rise of witchcraft, the enormity of the crime, its punishment according to Scripture, the ignorance of thinking such matters mere fancies, the cause of his own interference in the matter, the ignorance of the assize in the late trial, the cause of their finding, and his own opinion of what witches really are.*

June 10. 62. Privy Council of England to the Chancellor of Scotland. In respect to the case of Achibald Johnston and Roger Wyndham, and justifying their proceedings therein.

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June 11. 63. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of Master Udall, Cartwright and others, ministers of the Evangile, who had been apprehended in England.

June 12. 64. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Explains the particulars of a transaction between him and Sir Francis Walsyngham in respect to the patent of St. Katherine's ; and also respecting the relief of certain Scotchmen who had made suit to him on account of losses sustained at sea.

June 12. 65. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In favour of Thomas Lambe for the restoration of some salt which had been seized at the Custom House at Hull.

June 14. 66. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Redress for attempts in Liddesdale. Words spoken against the King. His intention to write to the Queen for an increase of her gratuity. Trial and conviction of Effam Mackallan for witchcraft. Bothwell's participation in the same. Angus in danger of death.

June 19. 67. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Execution of Effam Mackallan stayed. The King much moved for Bothwell's deliverance. Huntly and others coming to court to beard the Chancellor. Letters from Brussels. Vessels of Ayr taken by Irishmen. English pirates. Order to be taken with Bothwell. *Incloses,*

67. i. *W. Clederowe to George Carr.* Wishes to know what is done in a matter of debt of which he wrote to him by Mr. Allott. Begs that Allott may know that his friend of Liege is in prison for a letter of his that was taken at Dover. *Antwerp, April 27.*

June 20. 68. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. In behalf of some Scotchmen who had been distressed by pirates at Falmouth.

June 20. 69. James Colvill, Laird of East Wemyss, to Archibald Douglas. Has been appointed to the government of St. Valerie by the King. He and the place are at the service of the Queen of England.

June 22. 70. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Conditions offered to Bothwell to be set at liberty ; his escape from prison. Warning given to the Wardens. Nobles at Edinburgh. Harm intended to Sir John Carmichael.

June 25. 71. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Judgment pronounced against Bothwell ; his offices given to others ; his reasons for breaking his ward ; his movements. Summons sent to the Armstrongs, Elliots, and others. The Queen's bounty to Francis Dacre.

June 25. 72. Proclamation against Francis Earl of Bothwell for divers treasonable practices, and forbidding all persons to harbour or show favour to him.

June 29. 73. Anonymous [Mr. Huntar] to Lord Burghley. Bothwell reported to be at Kelso with 500 horse ; general feeling in his favour. • Hatred borne to the Chancellor. Warning to the sheriffdoms of Berwick, Haddington, and Edinburgh.

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June 30. 74. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. Directions from the Queen how to communicate with Bothwell. 12,000*l.* or 14,000*l.* demanded of her Majesty, by Mr. Foulis for the King of Scots; 4,000*l.* only granted. Her Majesty sees no cause to give any money to Lord Hamilton. He [Bowes] is to be recalled and Sir Thomas Parry to succeed him.

July 2. 75. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Order taken by the King for the quieting of the Borders. Overtures of submission to the King from Bothwell; result. Outrages in the West Marches. The Queen's entry into St. Johnston's; quarrel there between Erroll and Atholl for precedence.

July 4. 76. Archibald Johnstoun to Lord Burghley. Has letters in favour of Mr. Udall, a minister, who is in prison. Begs him to have pity on his own cause.

July 6. 77. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Threats used against him; reports of his intended revocation. Bothwell's doings; the King's disposition towards him. The Earl of Argyll deceased. Huntly at St. Johnston's with 200 horse. Matter intended to have been exhibited against the Chancellor. Huntly summoned before the General Assembly of the Church.

July 6. 78. Anonymous [Mr. Huntar] to Lord Burghley. The King passed to Kelso. The keys of Bothwell's houses received by him. Carmichael made Lord of Liddesdale. Huntly in the North with 800 horse.

July 14. 79. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Prince of Parma's letter to the King of Scots. A motion made by the Chancellor in favour of Bothwell. The King's purpose against him. Bothwell's possessions given to Lennox. Liddesdale given to Buccleuch. Intercession with the Chancellor for Bothwell. Her Majesty's intercession requested for young Cessford.

July 20. 80. Memorial addressed to Lord Burghley, in favour of William Hunter against one Alexander Scott, who had made a false charge against him.

July 21. 81. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Warning given by her Majesty to the King of Scots of the intended practices of the Catholics. Letters from the Prince of Parma to the King. The papists in Flanders intending a dangerous enterprize. Pirates. Disorders in the Marches. An Ambassador from Denmark; his errand. Letters from the Duke of Brunswick. Discord between the Nobles and the Chancellor. The King's intentions against Bothwell. Bothwell's secret movements; offers of submission from him. Huntly's professions of loyalty; his religion. State of his own [Bowes'] private matters.

July 26. 82. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Bothwell entertained in Edinburgh and Leith. The King's anger. Proclamations for his apprehension. Nobles in concert with him against the Chancellor. Horsemen surprised in the town. Bothwell in the Canongate, riding openly in the town. Sharp showers expected.

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July 31. 83. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Foreign news. The Prince of Parma's letter to the King. No answer from the Princes of Germany. Bothwell. Expected dangers. A plot to kill the Chancellor. Bothwell's arrival at Leith; attempt to apprehend him, and failure. The King's anger. Lord Home's participation with Bothwell. The King's intentions against Bothwell and Home.

July 28. 84. Proclamation by King James, summoning Lord Home to the Privy Council to answer for suffering the Earl of Bothwell to resort and haunt in the East March

August 2. Proclamation by King James, commanding all persons between the ages of sixty and sixteen to join him at Edinburgh on the 6th of August to go in pursuit of the Earl of Bothwell and Lord Home. [With the preceding.]

August 2. 85. King James to Lord Burghley. In favour of John Marshall, merchant of Edinburgh, who had sustained losses by a vessel of Falmouth.

August 6. 86. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The custody of Edinburgh Castle. His stay in Scotland; his credit impaired. A band by divers Barons and others against Bothwell. Suits to the King in favour of Lord Home. Overtures made to Buccleuch to join with Bothwell. Home leaves him. Bothwell's complaints against himself [Bowes]. Bothwell's property taken possession of. Sir William Keith with Bothwell. Earl Marischal to be set at liberty. Cessford. Lennox. Huntly become a great courtier. *Incloses,*

86. 1. *Declaration by the Laird of Cessford and numerous others, Barons and gentlemen of the East March, engaging truly to serve and obey their Sovereign, and especially against the Earl of Bothwell.* Edinburgh, August 5.

August 11. 87. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King gone to Edinburgh. Falkland. Breaking up of the Sessions. Home released from Blackness. Intercession for Bothwell. Promises of Huntly towards her Majesty. Earl of Marischal delivered. Intercession requested for Glamis.

August 11. 88. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Requests a safe conduct through England for Lord Home.

August 12. 89. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Doubts not that he has wondered why she has neglected him in a time so perilous to his person, but her former counsel had seldom been followed, so she thought she would see what, at a pinch, he would do for himself, and surely no man was ever assailed more nearly. She now makes him partaker of her joy, that he begins to regard his own safety and make men fear him. No bloody mind ever lodged in her breast, as he knows well, and hate bears she to none of his, but, ere his days are shortened, let all theirs be. This is her charity.

August 12. 90. "Occasions moving Sir Robert Ker [Carr] to the accidental slaughter of William Ker [Carr], of Ancram, be him and his servants." [Indorsed by Lord Burghley, "The case of Sir Robt. Carr ye young Laird of Cesford for killing of Wm. Carr."]

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August 12. 91. [James Hudson] to Lord Burghley. Lord Sanquhar has letters in his favour from Scotland. The slaughter of William Carr, of Ancram, will breed great mischief.

August 16. 92. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of David Gardin, Falkland. burgess of Dysart, in respect to spoils committed on him by Nicholas Watts, and others, pirates.

August 16. 93. A copy of the same letter.

August 16. 94 King James to Lord Burghley. In favour of the suit of David Falkland. Garden, in respect to losses sustained from pirates.

August 16. 95 Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Buccleuch resigning his office as Keeper of Liddesdale. Young Cessford to be appointed if the Queen will intercede for him. The slaughter of William Carr. Safe conducts required for Buccleuch and Home to go through England. Glamis to see the King. The King's suspicions of him. Intercession for the Laird of Roslin. Particulars of the abode of Sir Alexander Stewart. The King setting out to hunt the buck, and take his pastime.

August 27. 96. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The safe conducts for Edinburgh. Buccleuch and Home received. Home's departure and return. Buccleuch going on the 7th of September. Cessford pardoned. A letter and suit from Bothwell to the King. The King's refusal to comply with it. Glamis in ward. The Parliament summoned for the 20th November. Death of Alexander Erskine and Sir Lewis Bellenden, Justice Clerk.

Sept. 2. 97. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. A report of Bothwell's intention to remain in the country, and of a fresh design upon the King. Overtures from the Chancellor to Bothwell or from Bothwell to the Chancellor. Glamis delivered from ward. Lord Home's intended journey into England. *Incloses,*

97. i. *Earl of Bothwell to the King. His innocence. The charges against him made by his enemies. His intention to leave the country. His Majesty's protection requested for his beloved wife and children.* August.

Sept. 10. 98. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The suspected design upon Edinburgh. the King. The Chancellor's communication with Bothwell. The King's reproof. The King's summons to Atholl for receiving Bothwell. The King going against him with Huntly. His intentions in respect to Bothwell's wife and children. Buccleuch going to Flanders. Roslin committed to ward. *Incloses,*

98. i. *Earl of Bothwell to the King. Confesses his faults and requests pardon for them. His passing by the ports was not to such end as his Majesty conceives. His reasons for not seeking his mercy before. His desire to be tried before his departure. Begs that his Majesty's wrath be not extended to his wife and children.* September.

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Sept. 23. Edinburgh. 100. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's proceedings at St. Johnston's. Daily bloodshed between the friends of Huntly, Grant, Macintosh, Lochaber, and others. Two of the Gregors executed. Argyll coming with very great forces. Haunts of Bothwell. Death of William Walker, Comptroller of Customs at Berwick.

Sept. 23. Edinburgh. 101. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The bearer, his servant, Christopher Shepison, is instructed in regard to the payment of some money for the satisfaction of the Queen, and to explain the necessity of his return home.

Sept. 30. Berwick. 102. Advertisements from Scotland:—The dislike borne to the King; his careless government. Movements of Bothwell. Committal of Atholl. Bloodshed in the Highlands, and in the North.

Oct. 3. Edinburgh. 103. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The disorders in the North. A marriage desired between Argyll and Lennox's sister. Bold movements of Bothwell. The King's disposition towards him. Departure of Mr. Dacre. A messenger from the Bishop of Glasgow in Paris. A letter from Holt to some Jesuits in Scotland; Tyrie to come there with money.

Oct. 16. Holyrood. 104. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Requests her interference with the friends of one William Reynold that he may marry Agnes Swyntoun, the bearer, cousin german to Sir John Melvill, to whom he is contracted.

Oct. 19. Edinburgh. 105. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Bothwell's arrival at a house in Leith. The intelligence communicated to the King. Attempt to take Bothwell. Capture of his servant and his horse. Sundry Catholics at the house of Colonel Sempill. Cessford to be Keeper of Liddesdale. The troubles in the North. His [Bowes'] desire to return home.

Oct. 20. Holyrood. 106. King James to Lord Burghley. In favour of James Corden for redress of wrongs sustained at the hands of one Atkinson, searcher at Kingston upon Hull.

Oct. 24. Edinburgh. 107. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Uncertainty of Bothwell's having been in Leith as reported. Conflicting testimony. Acts against Bothwell and his lady. Bitter words between her and the Chancellor. Two Englishmen in Edinburgh, who pretend they have come to see the country and the schools. English papists. His [Bowes'] hard condition. *Incloses,*

107. i. *Confession of Robert Scot as to his communication with the Earl of Bothwell; and the Earl's late movements.*

107. ii. *Proclamation by King James, charging the Countess of Bothwell to enter into ward within the burgh of Aberdeen.*
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107. III. *Proclamation by King James, charging all persons not to receive, supply, maintain, or harbour Francis Earl of Bothwell.* *Holyrood, October 21.*

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Nov. 11. Holyrood. 109. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of a Dane whose ship and goods had been seized by some English vessels.

Nov. 13. Holyrood. 110. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of Garrett Carew, who had been unlawfully dispossessed of certain lands in Ireland.

Nov. 15. Holyrood. 111. King James to the Privy Council of England. In favour of the bearer [Garrett Carew] to be restored to certain lands of which he had been dispossessed.

Nov. 21. Berwick. 112. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Border matters. The Keepership of Liddesdale. Cessford. Attainder and execution of O'Rourke. Discord between the Chancellor and Glamis. Reported intentions of Bothwell upon Orkney. Huntly retiring from the Court. His [Bowes'] private affairs.

Nov. 28. 113. Queen Elizabeth to King James. The errand of the bearer, which nearly touches his surety and estate, is a proof that she has not neglected him. Begs that he will not "forslow" the matter as he too often has done, but to let none know, before it be ended, what is meant to be done.

Dec. 4. Barnes. 114. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Letters from Scotland. Her Majesty's kindness to the King has given great contentment. Attempts to reconcile the Chancellor and Glamis. Huntly agreed with Grant and others. Ogilvy and others banished for the slaughter of the Campbells. *Incloses,*

114. I. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Has communicated to the King the execution of O'Rourke; his remarks upon it. The Queen's kindness appreciated by the King. Great labour for the agreement of the Chancellor and Glamis. No further word of Bothwell's going to Orkney. Nov. 30.*

Dec. 7. Edinburgh. 115. James Hudson to Lord Burghley. The King's good acceptance of her Majesty's letter. His opinion of the improbability of a conspiracy being on foot now; his reasons for the opinion. The King not governed by those about him. Abilities of the Chancellor.

Dec. 9. Barnes. 116. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Attempts to mediate between the Chancellor and Glamis. Cessford to be Keeper of Liddesdale. Secret suits and means used by the Chancellor and the Duke of Lennox to get possession of the castle. General quiet. Lord

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Dec. 11. 117. Lord John Hamilton to Lord Burghley. The bearer directed to find out a man who can work marble. Begs a passport for him.

Dec. 16. 118. James Hudson to Lord Burghley. Lennox; his affection towards Bothwell. His suiting for Liddesdale and the Captaincy of the castle. Cessford to have Liddesdale. The Chancellor to have the castle. Disagreement between the Chancellor and Glamis. Buccleuch very earnest to be licensed to come home. Claude Hamilton beastly mad. Bold proceedings of a preacher about the King. The King's great need.

Dec. 20. 119. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Futile efforts to reconcile the Chancellor and Glamis. Appointment of Cessford as Keeper of Liddesdale. Efforts of Lennox. Buccleuch licensed to come home. Intended marriage between Argyll and a daughter of Morton. A visitor from Spain. Private affairs.

Dec. 20. 120. Sir Richard Cockburn to Lord Burghley. Requests his favour for Francis Tennent, who has a licence to transport corn out of the kingdom, and has sustained loss from those of the League.

Dec. 20. 121. King James to Lord Burghley. In behalf of Francis Tennent, merchant, of Edinburgh, to have licence to transport 1,000 quarters of wheat into France, as a recompence for his great losses sustained by the Leaguers.

Dec. 23. 122. John Oliver and Dick Dixon to Mr. Bowes. Beg redress in a matter between them and one Henrick Barkhout now lately dead.

Dec. 23. 123. King James to the Lady Arbella Stewart. Has rejoiced to hear of her so virtuous behaviour, it being specially to his joy to see virtuous and honourable scions arise of that race whereof they both have their descent. Having now more certain notice of the place of her abode will the more frequently visit her with his letters.

Dec. 26. 124. Queen Elizabeth to King James. In answer to certain complaints of piracies and requests for redress; informing him that through the events having happened so long ago, and most of the parties complained of being dead, she is unable to procure the redress required.

Dec. 30. 125. Archibald Douglas to Mr. Tenche. In respect to the case of a young gentleman, his servant, James Mowbray, who had been unjustly committed to prison.

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Dec. 30. 126. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. In favour of John Bayly, servant to Lord Home, who desires a passport to Scotland.

Dec. 31. 127. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Return of Bothwell into Lothian. A motion to be made against the Chancellor and other courtiers. The Parliament likely to be prorogued. Glāmis comes to Court; and Crawford. Coiners. The Keepership of Liddesdale. Claim of Lennox. His own [Bowes'] debts. *Incloses*,

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Dec. 31. 128. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. An outrage attempted by Bothwell. Persons of great quality suspected. The purpose intended against the Chancellor. The King's intentions against Bothwell. Young Cessford come to the Court. *Incloses*,

128. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. An assault on the palace by the Earl of Bothwell, the Laird of Spott, John Colvile, and others to the number of sixty, in armour. The King's defence until relieved by the town. One person killed. The King pursued to his chamber, and the door set on fire. Prisoners taken.* Edinburgh, Dec. 28.

Dec. 31. 129. [James Hudson to Lord Burghley.] Effect of the Queen's letter on the King of Scots. The Duke of Lennox's suits for Liddesdale and the castle; dissuasions used to the King; Cessford hath one and Coldenknows the other. Bothwell lurking in Lothian. The Queen of Scots a suitor for Buccleuch. Fears of the King's being surprised by Murray and others. The King's great poverty.

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3. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. General quiet in Scotland. The late attempt. Persons suspected. Bothwell's servant tortured. Confession of John Estmythe. Colonel Stewart hastening to go to the Low Countries. A "libel" set up against the King. Distrust between the Chancellor and Lennox. Proclamation against Bothwell. *Incloses,*

3. i. *The copy of a writing set up on the King's chamber door, warning him against the Duke of Lennox and other persons about his person.* January.

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4. Lord Burghley to the Lord Chancellor of Scotland. Their good wishes towards each other. The late treasonable attempt on the King. Her Majesty's warnings to him; her good opinion of his Lordship [the Chancellor].

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5. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scots. Congratulations on the happy escape of herself and the King from the late wicked attempt of certain their ill-disposed subjects. Fr.

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6. King James to the Privy Council of England. In favour of Cuthbert Py and his spouse, two very aged persons, who had been dispossessed of a mill, which they and their predecessors had held for three hundred years past.

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7. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Fresh troubles expected in Scotland. Redresses for Liddesdale. Parliament. Proclamations against Bothwell. A person to be sent to Flanders from the papists. Jealousy against Huntly and other courtiers. Suspicions against Lennox. Ineffectual attempts to take Bothwell. *Incloses,*

7. i. *The copy of the Council's letter to the young Laird of Cessford approving of his proceedings as Keeper of Liddesdale; and requesting to know what things he required of Liddesdale, and what security he has gotten for the performance of the same.* Holyrood House, Jan. 14.

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8. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Arrangements of Cessford about Liddesdale. Colonel Stewart committed to the castle upon suspicion of privy to Bothwell's late attempt at Holyrood. The King and Queen to lie within the city for safety. The Chancellor seeking the custody of Edinburgh Castle. Exhortations of the preachers to the King. John Colvile's servant taken and like to be executed. Some of Bothwell's associates are in Northumberland. The Queen's consent for his [Bowes] return to Scotland; he shall always be willing to serve her Majesty and loyal, but under her displeasure his life is more grievous to him than death.

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9. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Quiet in Scotland. The King and Chancellor guarded in Edinburgh. Bothwell's intention to retire to Spain. Lennox, Huntly, and others sent to take him. The Chancellor and Glamis in doubtful terms. Bothwell's bailiff saved by the people.

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Feb. 9. Edinburgh. 11. Roger Aston to James Hudson. Particulars of an attack upon the Earl of Murray's house, and murder of the Earl by a party under the Earl of Huntly. Lennox and Huntly's pursuit of Bothwell. Mr. Bowes daily expected.

Feb. 10. Woodrington. 12. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Murder of the Earl and Sheriff of Murray. The Laird of Calder reported to be slain in the North. Doubts about the latter. Troubles likely to arise.
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12. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Details particulars of the slaughter of the Earl of Murray by Huntly, and of the pursuit of Bothwell by the Duke of Lennox and Huntly.*
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Feb. 11. Edinburgh. 13. Roger Aston to James Hudson. Conclusion taken for the pursuit of Huntly. Preparations. Great desire for revenge among the Stewarts. The Duke of Lennox as earnest as any.

Feb. 11. Edinburgh. 14. Laird of Barnebougall to his son James Mowbray, in prison at Westminster. The King and the Chancellor have written "effectually" to James Hudson to intercede in his behalf. The King is very discontent at his evil handling.

Feb. 13. Barnes. 15. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The murder of Murray. General indignation. Preparations for the pursuit of Huntly. The King's journey against him stayed. The Stewarts eager for revenge. Huntly's justification. Reported slaying of the Master of Glamis.
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15. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Preparations for the pursuit of Huntly. The King's summonses. The Chancellor greatly blamed. Particulars of the murder of Murray.*
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Feb. 17. 16. James Hudson to Lord Burghley. Incloses letters in behalf of James Mowbray. Begs advice therein.

16. i. *King of Scotland to James Hudson. Begs him to intercede with the Lord Treasurer for the release of James Mowbray, son of the Laird of Barnebougall, warded in London for a trifling offence.*
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16. ii. *Lord Chancellor of Scotland to James Hudson. Begs him to further the release of a son of the Laird of Barnebougall, detained there [in England] in prison.*

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Feb. 17. Barnes. 17. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Troubles rising in Scotland. The murder of Murray. Reports against the King and Chancellor. Particulars of the blank commission said to have been given by the King to Huntly. Captain Gordon executed. General feeling of indignation. Mutiny in the King's Guard.

Feb. 24. Edinburgh. 18. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Desires him, at the request of the King, to remind the Lord Treasurer of the deer promised him last year.

Feb. 27. Berwick. 19. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Troubles arising through the King's behaviour towards Huntly. General indignation. The blank commission. The King to be requested to attend Murray's funeral. Suits to be made to him at that time. Summons to Huntly; his preparations. Offers made to Bothwell; his bold movements. Spiteful libels. Armed men in the streets. The Chancellor desirous to leave the realm. *Incloses,*

19. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The King's journey to Glasgow and Dumbarton in pursuit of Bothwell. Smullet reprieved; Nasmyth also not hanged yet; the Queen's intercession for him. Uncertainty about Bothwell. Discontent of the people. The murder of Murray. Blame imputed to the Chancellor. Huntly to abide his trial. Graham and others to be executed for witchcraft.*

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March 7. Barnes. 20. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The staying of the Laird of Pury Ogilvy from going to Spain. Huntly and his accomplices to be warded in the North. Suspicions of Murray's friends. Glamis not agreed with the Chancellor. Report of Bothwell and others being in England. His own [Bowes'] private affairs.

March 8. Barnes. 21. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Resolution taken for the pursuit of Huntly and his accomplices. His [Bowes'] instruments of intelligence are forsaking him. *Incloses,*

21. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Resolutions taken against Huntly. The ministers gone home well satisfied. Burning of Ricchy Graham, a witch; all he said of Bothwell was true. Bothwell's friends reported to be received in England, and that they are comforted by Archibald Douglas. The King's dissatisfaction.*

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March 11. Barnes. 22. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The current changed in Scotland. Huntly coming to his trial. The King against him. The Chancellor anxious for the punishment of Murray's murderers. Huntly's friends. Lennox guardian of the young Earl of Murray.

March 13. Barnes. 23. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Huntly entered into ward at Blackness; his friends will preserve him from hurt. Robbery of Huntly's servants by Bothwell.

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March 18. 24. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Fugitives on the Borders. Durham. Stay of the young Laird of Pury Ogilvy from going to Spain. Huntly still in ward at Blackness; his defence. A little pamphlet cast into the great church in favour of Bothwell. Sermons of the ministers. Spott, Colville, and others summoned to the Parliament. Colonel Stewart set at liberty. Mr. George Carr to be sent into Spain by the papists.

March 22. 25. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Letter from Mr. Aston. Barnes. Stay of Pury Ogilvy from going to Spain. Charge against him [Bowes]. The Catholics doubtful whether they shall party with Huntly. Attempt to knit together the Chancellor, Glamis, and others. Proceedings of Murray's friends against Huntly. Robert Stewart's attempts to kill Huntly. Soldiers to be levied to serve under Colonel Belford. *Incloses,*

25. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Huntly's entry into ward. Forms of law for his trial. His friends. The Chancellor against him. Imputations against the Chancellor. Huntly to be liberated under caution. Pury Ogilvy's intention to go to Spain. The King's desire for Bowes to return to Scotland. His grief that Bothwell's accomplices are received in England.* Edinburgh, March 18.

March 27. 26. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Preparation of ships to Barnes. spoil the English fishermen. Measures taken to prevent it. The reconciliation between the Chancellor and Glamis proceeding well. The Chancellor well thought of. The King's persecution of Bothwell. Illness of the Captain of the Castle.

March 29. 27. King James to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his favours Holyrood. shown to James Coldon, in his cause against the searcher of Kingston, and begs him to continue the same.

April 4. 28. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Discontent that justice is York. not done on Murray's murderers. Troubles expected. A Convention to be held. The King's promise to the Stewarts to give them contentment. The King's fears raised in regard to Bothwell. The Chancellor joined with the officers of State. The rebels driven out of England; their intention. Bothwell seen between Edinburgh and Leith.

April 11. 29. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The bearer, his son, Ralph Aske. Bowes, is sent up to give assurance for the payment of a thousand pounds yearly for his [Robert Bowes'] debts to the Queen. Begs that he may be protected from arrest.

April 14. 30. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Measures taken for the Barnes. protection of the fishermen. Movements of Bothwell. Argyll and others to meet, to seek justice for the slaughter of Murray. Favour of some towards Huntly. Letters from the Catholics in England;

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* *Edinburgh, April 11.*

April 18. 31. Mr. Roger Aston to Vice Chamberlain Sir Thomas Heneage. Dalkeith. A Convention appointed for reforming the abuses in Court and country ; its prevention by the minions of the Chamber. The King's search after Bothwell. Gray summoned ; his refusal. Atholl summoned. Dunottar Castle taken by Huntly's servants. Great appearance of trouble. Expediency of Mr. Bowes returning there.

April 20. 32. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Barnes. Movements of Bothwell. Gray sent for by the King ; he refuses to come ; his servant tried for receiving Bothwell and acquitted. Atholl summoned by the King ; he refuses to come. Great troubles expected. The King's journey suspected to be for the benefit of Huntly. Dunottar Castle taken by Captain Carr.

April 22. 33. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Barnes. The Convention dissolved through the absence of the King. Atholl repairs to the King and is committed to ward. The King prepares to pursue the Master of Gray. The Earl Marischal's house at Dunottar taken by Captain Carr ; true statement of this action. The Chancellor friendly with Morton and Mar ; his agreement with Glamis. The Queen offended with him. Death of Sir James Home, the Captain of Edinburgh Castle. Suitors for his office.

April 28. 34. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Barnes. Deer for the King of Scots. His [Bowes'] desired return to Scotland. The Queen's displeasure towards him. His debts and need of money.

May 7. 35. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Barnes. The office of Keeper of Edinburgh Castle. Suits of Lennox and Mar. His [Bowes'] exertions in favour of Mar. Efforts to draw men out of the Highlands. The Earl Marischal's house [Dunottar], and the chance of its being delivered up to him. Movements of the papists. His [Bowes'] return to Scotland ; his debts. *Incloses,*

35. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The suits of Lennox and Mar for the custody of the castle. The Chancellor in favour of Mar. The Parliament. Men prohibited to go from Argyll to Ireland. The Earl Marischal's house kept against him by his Countess. Movements of the Court. Atholl liberated. The deer for the King.*

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May 13. Barnes. 36. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The appointed Convention and Parliament. Dunottar House delivered to the Earl Marischal. Suits of Lennox and Mar for the castle. The Duke's advantage. Atholl at liberty. Huntly. The murder of Murray. His [Bowes'] son arrested ; his difficulties. Men lured into Ireland.

May 18. Barnes. 37. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. His speedy return to Scotland ; his wretched condition ; his need of money, and arrest of his son.

May 23. Greenwich. 38. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Sends back her Ambassador Mr. Robert Bowes to reside in Scotland, in consequence of the many accidents lately happened there. Hopes that, in the ensuing Parliament, the nobility and people devoted to him and his honour will find support, against those who shall be found to contemn his authority.

May 23. 39. Copy of the same.

May 26. Holyrood. 40. Roger Aston to Sir Thomas Heneage. Inutility of Mr. Bowes returning to Scotland if he comes, as reported, in disgrace with the Queen and in debt. The Convention and Parliament. The contest between Lennox and Mar for the castle. Assembly of ministers. Bothwell reported to receive comfort from England. A practice in hand by the papists.

May 29. Barnes. 41. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Setting out for Scotland. His son's arrest. The King's anxiety for the deer ; difficulty in taking them. Suspicion of favour to Bothwell. Death of the Duchess of Lennox. The King's favour to the Duke of Lennox. The custody of the castle. The Parliament. Assembly of the Church. New bonds put in for Huntly. *Incloses,*

41. 1. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Advises him not to come to Scotland unless he can satisfy his creditors. Informs him of the reports spread about him. Commencement of the Parliament. Bothwell on the Borders ; his hopes of the Queen's favour. The deer for the King. The papists are very busy, and they have a very dangerous plot in hand.*

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June 3. Edinburgh. 42. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Opening of the Parliament. Audience of the King. The Queen's advice to him as to the prosecution of Huntly and others ; his reception of it. Attainder of Bothwell and others.

June. 43. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Instructions to communicate to the King of Scots certain designs taken in hand in Spain and the Low Countries to send forces into his realm, and to advise him thereupon.

June 6. 44. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Interview with the Chancellor. His good acceptance of her Majesty's consideration. His disposition against Huntly and others. A violent attempt intended against him by the papists. A plot against the King. Mar to have the custody of the castle. A meeting of Argyll and his friends in respect to the slaughter of the Laird of Calder. Proceedings of

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the Parliament. Attainder of Bothwell and others. Laws for the Church. Appointment of the King's counsel. The King's promises for the maintenance of religion. Pursuit of Huntly and others. Charges against Erroll. *Incloses,*

44. I. *A list of sundry persons attainted of treason by the Scottish Parliament; with memoranda of their connections by Lord Burghley.*

June. 45. A list of counsellors and officers of state established by the same Parliament.

June. 46. A catalogue or brief note of some of the Acts of this Parliament.

June 8. 47. [James Hudson] to Lord Burghley. In favour of Lord Home, for audience of the Queen; and suggesting that he should receive some assistance to remain in England; stating also that he is not, as was suspected, affected towards Spain.

June 12. Edinburgh. 48. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. An interview with the King, when he imparted her Majesty's advice as to the punishment of Huntly, the papists, and the King's rebels; the King's answers; his request that Bothwell might not be received on the Borders. Meeting of the Council to adopt means for the maintenance of religion. The purpose intended against the King.

June 16. Edinburgh. 49. Robert Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. The King's reception of her letter. His excuses for his former slackness in the punishment of murderers, papists, and others. Promises for the future. An intended conspiracy against the King. The Chancellor out of favour. Dangerous state of the kingdom. Fears from Bothwell and his accomplices. A statement of his own [Bowes'] difficulties and debts.

June 17. Edinburgh. 50. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's reception of her Majesty's advice. A fray between Davye Dundas and young Calder. The King's excuses for his former proceedings, with regard to papists and others, and promises for the future. Border matters. Intention to fit out a vessel to take Bothwell. Expected attack upon the King and Court. A warning. Erroll cited to appear for attending mass. Maxwell suspected of intelligence with Bothwell.

June 17. Holyrood. 51. King James's letter to Lord Maxwell and the Laird of Cessford, for the maintenance of quietness on the West Borders.

June 19. Holyrood. 52. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Begs her licence that David Hucheson may buy ten falcons and other things for the furnishing of his ship *against* the Leaguers.

June 20. Holyrood. 53. King James to Lord Burghley. In favour of his printer, Waldegrave, that he may have her Majesty's pardon.

June 24. Edinburgh. 54. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King passes over the water, rejecting the warning given to him of the intentions of Bothwell and others. Reports of the assembly of the conspirators. An interview with the Council. The King's journey to St. John ston's stayed. Maxwell's denial of communication with Bothwell. An English ship captured. Good service of Mr. Aston. Huntly assembling his people in the North.

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June 24. 55. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of David Gardin, to have satisfaction for his goods taken by Captain Watts and his accomplices.

June 24. 56. King James to Lord Burghley. In favour of David Gardin, for satisfaction from Captain Watts.

June 26. 57. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Reports of the movements of Bothwell and his party for the execution of a purpose for the alteration of the Government. Like information received by the Chancellor. The possession of the King's person and of the town of Edinburgh to be attempted at one time. Maxwell's denial of participation with Bothwell.

June 27. 58. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Bothwell discovered with 300 horse. His purpose is accomplished or else the King has escaped. Atholl, Erroll, and others joined in it. Assembly of the Council. Lennox and others preparing to meet the King. How is he [Bowes] to guide his course with respect to Bothwell?

June 28. 59. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Her Majesty's aid offered to the King. His success against Bothwell. Sundry of the Grahams joined with Bothwell in an assault upon the King's palace. Particulars of an assault on Falkland. Pursuit of Bothwell. Erroll and Colonel Stewart suspected and committed to ward. False suspicion against Atholl.

[June.] 60. — to [Mr. Bowes]. Informs him of a report that the King has given an exceeding great overthrow to the Earl of Bothwell.

July 1. 61. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's thanks for her Majesty's advice. His purpose to pursue Bothwell and his company. Measures required of her Majesty for his assistance. Followers of Bothwell already taken. Participation of Mr. Colvile with him. Suspicions against Maxwell. The Chancellor in good favour.

July 1. 62. The present state of the nobility in Scotland, their ages, connections, religion, and residence.

July 2. 63. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Capture of the Laird of Niddry and others, by Lord Hamilton; intercession for their lives; the King unwilling to consent. Onerous duties daily laid on him [Bowes]; his need of instruction. Francis Graham and others taken, and likely to be executed. Erroll and Colonel Stewart committed to the castle. Band between Bothwell, Angus, and Erroll. Doubts about the King's proceeding in his journey.

July 3. 64. James Hudson to Lord Burghley. The late "accident." Necessity of her Majesty's supporting the King of Scots. His own private affairs. Has never received a penny of the King these twelve years. *Incloses,*

64. i. *Roger Aston to James Hudson.* Sends particulars of the assault made by the Earl of Bothwell, the Master of Gray and others, on the King's house at Falkland.

Falkland, June 28.

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[July.]

65. Anonymous to Particulars of the surprise upon the King, and of the implication of the Earl of Erroll, the Master of Gray, Lord Maxwell, and others.

July 4.

Edinburgh.

66. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Niddery and other prisoners suffered to escape through the means of Lady Hamilton; Lord Hamilton charged with it, and denies it; a fray in the streets in which his servants are killed. Necessity of his [Bowes] having instructions. Colonel Stewart to have been tried and hanged yesterday; charges against him. Huntly's friends threatening to leave him. Bothwell retired to the Highlands.

July 7.

Holyrood.

67. An Act of the Council of Scotland against all such as shall be accused of treason or *lese majesté*.

July 8.

Edinburgh.

68. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King pursuing Bothwell. John Scampill, going to Spain from the catholics, arrested with letters. Intention of the Catholics to send to the Prince of Parma. The Grahams who aided Bothwell at Falkland. Execution of six Englishmen taken on the seas. Bothwell in safety. Atholl will not hurt him. Invitation from Atholl to the Queen of Scotland. Lord Hamilton in suspicion.

July 14.

69. Master of Gray to Lord Burghley. Explains, in regard to the present "course," that it is not the Earl of Bothwell and Master of Gray alone, but the whole body of the nobility who are joined in it, for the maintenance of God's cause, the reformation of church matters, the preservation of their King's honour, and such settled dealing with England that their country may not be made the footstool of foreigners. Begs that her Majesty will not oppose them; and requests for himself that her Wardens will allow him to live at his own charges within their wardenries.

July 16

Edinburgh.

70. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's journey in the West Borders. His thanks for her Majesty's assistance against the Grahams and other rebels. Difficulty of punishing those concerned in the late "practice" against him. His excuses for the non-punishment of Huntly. Offers made by Bothwell as conditions of being received into England. Papists arrived in the Canongate. A band discovered between Angus, Erroll, and Bothwell. An attempt to surprise Dumbarton Castle.

July 22.

Edinburgh.

71. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. A plot of Bothwell's to surprise the King in passing over the water from Leith to Kinghorn; its discovery to the King, and prevention. Another design. Huntly, Gray, and others coming with their forces towards Falkland. The Jesuits. Religion. Recusants. Caithness suspected to have aided Bothwell. Angus committed to ward. The Earl of Mar past hope of life. The custody of Edinburgh Castle.

July [24].

Edinburgh.

72. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Order to the inhabitants of Orkney and the Isles not to receive any Spaniards. Bothwell on his way to Falkland with 200 horse. Another design upon the King suspected. Warning sent to the King. Marriage of Argyll to the daughter of the Earl of Morton.

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July 24. 73. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Fresh advertisement of the increase of Bothwell's forces, and his advance towards Falkland. Preparations for the King's preservation.

July 24. 74. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Movements of Bothwell to surprise the King at Falkland. Preparations for defence.

July 25. 75. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. False report of the assembly of Bothwell and his forces. Return of the King to Holyrood. Suspicions of his Court. Mr. Colvile ridden into England; Gray following him. The King's trouble. *Incloses*,

75. 1. *Proclamation by the Secret Council of Scotland for the defence of the King against a treasonable enterprise intended against him by the Earl of Bothwell.*

Edinburgh, July 24.

July 30. 76. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Two thousand pounds to be paid to the King from her Majesty. His remonstrance at the smallness of the sum. Complaints of the receipt of Gray and others in England. Bothwell entertained at Bewcastle by Captain Musgrave. Spanish ships coming to the Orkneys. English fugitives in Scotland. Huntly's suit to leave the country. Lennox and Home sent to apprehend Bothwell. Movements of Bothwell and the Master of Gray. Requests leave of absence to attend the funeral of Lord Serope.

[July.] 77. Part of a letter from Bowes to Lord Burghley. Bothwell and his party broken up. Fentry departed. Bothwell resolved to attempt something desperate.

July. 78. Remembrances given by the Earl of Huntly to Patrick Murray, to be solicited for the Earl, in Court and Parliament.

July. 79. The names of the Englishmen that were at the attack upon Falkland, and of Scotchmen Borderers also present.

July. 80. Names of other persons present at the raid or attack upon Falkland, given in and signed by Thomas Musgrave, Captain of Bewcastle.

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August 4. 1. Master of Gray to Lord Burghley. Begs an answer to his former letter, wherein he requested that her Majesty might not oppose him and the other nobles associated with him, and that he might have permission to retire into England.

August 4. 2. Master of Gray to Mr. Thomas Milles. Recapitulates the purport of his letters to the Lord Treasurer, and requests him to speak to him and procure an answer.

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August 6. 3. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Petition to the King for the banishment of Jesuits, and punishment of Huntly and others. The King's anger. Audience refused to himself [Bowes]. A change expected in the Council; persons to be ejected. An association to be formed. A Guard for the King. Necessity of Huntly's punishment. His friends' anxiety that he should not leave the country. Arrivals from Flanders. The Master of Gray thought to be in England. Sir Alexander Stewart. • His [Bowes'] debts.

August 10. 4. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Great inconveniences in Edinburgh. the State. Fentry's contempt against the church. The papists likely to escape. Apprehension of the Lairds of Burley and Logie. Burley's confession of participation with Bothwell. Logie's confession. Four plans to have taken the King. Logie's bold demeanour before him. Probable fate of the two. Discord at Court. Probable change there. Glamis in favour. Huntly. Crawford.

August 12. 5. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Escape of Logie through Edinburgh. the means of Mistress Margaret Vinstar. The Council. Bothwell to be brought into favour. Trouble at Court. Niddery's challenge set up on the Cross at Dalkeith. A fray prevented between the Chancellor, Lennox, and others. The Chancellor's danger. General disorder. Offers made by Huntly to Bothwell. Money received by Bothwell from Spain.

August.] 6. An advertisement of Scottish affairs. Sir James Sunderland going abroad. The King's charge to Gowry's mother to quit her house in the Abbey. The Queen desired to discharge Mistress Margaret; her refusal to do so. The Queen offended with the Chancellor. The Chancellor to agree with Bothwell. A new army come from Spain. Huntly to come in to the King.

August 15. 7. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Licence to go to Lord Edinburgh. Scrope's funeral. A resolution for the protection of the King. Expected alterations at Court. The Chancellor to be shaken off. The King's affection to Huntly. The King's visit to the Earl of Mar in Edinburgh Castle. Gray in England: the King's complaint about it. Colonel Stewart brought in by Glamis. Bothwell in Edinburgh. The King's feeling towards him.

August 15. 8. Francis Mowbray to Archibald Douglas. Thanks for his news Edinburgh. Daily conspiracies against the King. The treatment he received in England gives him no courage to serve her Majesty.

August 17. 9. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Requests him to effect an Edinburgh. arrangement for the payment of three hundred pounds which he [Bowes] owes to William Raven.

August 17. 10. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Colonel Stewart accuses Edinburgh. Spynie of participation with Bothwell: Spynie's reply; result. The King's favour towards Huntly; his kindness to the Chancellor. The King's guard. Burley liberated. The King's persecution of Bothwell. The catholics. Money from Spain. Case of piracy. His opinion conceived of him [Bowes] in Scotland; his debts.

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August 18. 11. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In favour of Robert Scott, Edinburgh. merchant, of Edinburgh, that he may have licence to transport corn.

August 20. 12. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Attempts to reconcile the Chancellor, Lennox, and Glamis. Suspicions against the Chancellor and Sir Robert Melvill of participation with Bothwell. Mr. Aston to be sent by the King to England. Proposed association for the preservation of religion and the King's safety. Spynie warded in Stirling. Colonel Stewart's accusation against him.

August 24. Edinburgh. 13. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. An arrangement to prevent the seizing of his letters. The new association. "Debates" between the Chancellor, Lennox, and Glamis. Roger Aston starts to-morrow. Crawfurd fortifying himself with forces. Approaching day of law between Spynie and Colonel Stewart. Reported agreement between Huntly and Bothwell. The money from Spain. Lennox's offers to her Majesty.

August 25. 14. Earl of Bothwell to Lord Burghley. Has for two years craved audience of her Majesty, but none would undertake to present his letters; in the meantime, he has been solicited by foreigners to embrace a contrary course, to which neither his conscience nor affection would permit him to agree. Begs that he will see his petitions presented to her Highness. [In the handwriting of Mr. John Colvile]

August 31. Edinburgh. 15. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. His debt to Customer Smith. His relief. The bearer, George Nicolson, is instructed by him in various causes.

August. Edinburgh. 16. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Robert Bruce, a servant of the Bishop of Glasgow, offers to discover the practices in Spain and Flanders. Bad books sent by him to a servant of James Gordon, the Jesuit. *Incloses*,

16. I. *Edward Foster [Robert Bruce] to Dr. Macartney at Edinburgh. Sends him seventeen little books touching the religion of their neighbours, and requests him to distribute them as he thinks best.* *Calais, June 20.*

Sept. 2. Edinburgh. 17. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. A conference of the Council. Overtures to be made to Bothwell to quit the kingdom. The disagreement between the Chancellor and Glamis. Glamis will take up with Crawfurd. Angus and Erroll to be released from ward.

Sept. 6. Dalkeith. 18. Licence to John Maitland, Lord Thirlstane, Chancellor of Scotland, appointing him the King's special Ambassador in France, and granting him leave to be absent abroad for the space of three years.

Sept. 7. Edinburgh. 19. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Apprehension of Ardrye and Captain Hakkerson; their examination; result. Evidence collecting against Spynie. Lord Hamilton said to be agreed with Bothwell. Proceedings of the army under Lennox and Lord Home. Their intentions against Bothwell. Farnhurst and Hunthill summoned to the King. Glamis to be Treasurer. The Chancellor licenced to go abroad, and to be the King's Ambassador in France.

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Sept. 12. 20. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Advice from her Majesty to the King of Scots. He agrees to banish the papists and prosecute the murderers. His anger at the Master of Gray's being suffered to live in England. The assize for the trial of Spynie deferred. Colonel Stewart's communication with Bothwell. The Chancellor to go to England with especial errands.

Sept. 16. 21. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Chancellor advised of her Majesty's resolution. The King and Court. Troubles among them. Fears of Bothwell, Hamilton, and others. Alarm of Lord John Hamilton lest Dumbarton Castle shall be taken from him; his fears quieted. The Chancellor appointed Ambassador to her Majesty. Jealousy against Maxwell. Spynie's trial deferred. Ardrye and Hakerson respite. The King resolved to ride against Farnihurst and Hunthill. A device to draw Bothwell to Linlithgow. Bothwell's wife to meet Mar in the field.

Sept. 16. 22. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland. Spynie's trial deferred. The Chancellor's licence to leave the country. Nobles at Court. Bothwell busy. Erroll and Angus in ward.

Sept. 23. 23. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Chancellor's meeting with Maxwell at Dunlaverick. Tales against the Chancellor heard by the King. The Chancellorship offered to Lennox and Mar, and refused. Lennox's longing after the Lady Arabella. Bans of marriage published between Mar and Lennox's sister. Ensigns prepared by Lord Hamilton. Choice of a provost. Corvetts prepared by Bothwell for the field.

Sept. 26. 24. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Angus and Erroll pardoned. Raid against Farnihurst and Hunthill. Bothwell strongly accompanied. The King disquieted. Movements of Bothwell. Approaching marriage between Mar and the Duke's sister. Intolerance of the Kirk. Spynie commanded to ward. The Chancellor advised to remain in Scotland. Colonel Stewart going to the Low Countries.

Sept. 29. 25. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Chancellor's appointment as Ambassador to England. Counsellors at present with the King. Erroll's confession and accusation against Colonel Stewart. Confession of Angus. Proceedings of Bothwell. Advice given to Lord Hamilton. Bothwell reported to be in Carlisle. Intercession for Huntly.

Oct. 4. 26. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King and others Edinburgh. sharply pricked with her Majesty's letter; effect of her not sending any money to the King. Expediency of his [Mr. Bowes'] being removed. New councillors. The Chancellor ready to come into England. Advice requested as to letting others go there. Sickness of Glamis. Submission of Farnihurst. Communication of Maxwell and Gray with Bothwell. Lord Home summoned by the Synod. Movements of Bothwell.

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Oct. 5 The Borders. 27. Master of Gray to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his favourable letters to Mr. Gray, of Chillingham, in his favour. Cause of the news being spread about that he was received in England. If her Majesty will befriend him he shall be able to advance her affairs. When his matter is near a point he will write. Evil disposition in the Borderers.

Oct. 7. Edinburgh. 28. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King determined to proceed in the raid to Jedburgh. Reported conditions agreed upon between Bothwell and Erroll and the King. Probable change in the Court. Bothwell's request to Angus to party with him.

Oct. 10. Edinburgh. 29. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King entered into his journey to the Borders. Submission of Erroll. Offer of Mr. John Colvile to surprise Bothwell. Letters and books from Brussels. Plots of the catholics. The King has broken with some of the Kirk. The King's want of money. Pursuit of Huntly.

Oct. 11. 30. Certificate by Robert Scot, priest of the order of Jesuits, in favour of Andrew Clark, of his constancy in the faith of the Holy Catholic Church of Rome. Lat.

Oct. 13. Edinburgh. 31. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Delay in the reformation of affairs there. Information given by Farnihurst, of Home and Gray's having travailed with Bothwell for the overthrow of religion. State of the Chancellor. Desire to come into England. Dealings with Bothwell. Letters from Jesuits; suspicions of their proceedings. Angus suspected. Lord Hamilton steadfast. The Chancellor and Huntly. [Partly in cipher.] *Incloses,*

31. i. — to Mr. Bowes. *Sends the names of the persons to whom certain letters they had found were directed, and by whom they were written; and a summary of their contents.* October 10.

Oct. 17. 32. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. In favour of John Marshall, Scotchman, who has the Queen's licence to transport a hundred tuns of beer free of duty

Oct. 18. Edinburgh. 33. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Mr. Bruce has not returned with the intercepted letters. Submissions of the offending Borderers. Farnihurst's disclosure respecting a certain confederacy; confidence of the confederates. Bothwell has written to his friends. Huntly to be there to-night. Crawfurd. The Jesuits.

Oct. 21. St. Valerie. 34. James Colvile, Laird of East Wemyss, to Lord Burghley. Expects to be besieged by Monsieur D'Aumale. Begs that the troops passing to Brittany may show themselves there.

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Oct. 24.
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35. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's complaint that Bothwell and other rebels had been received by the Grahams on the West Borders. The keeping of Liddesdale committed to Lennox. The King denies that Huntly has been there and spoken with him. Practices of the papists. The King denies having hearkened to any motion in favour of Bothwell. The King's feeling towards the Chancellor. State of the Court. The Parliament summoned. *Incloses,*

35. i. *Wm. Murdoch to Thomas Tyrie. Departure of Thomas Wishart; return; the letter he [Wishart] wrote to Brussels. Lettuce seeds sent for him and other their friends; directions for sowing them.*

Pont [Pont à Mousson], June 1.

James Tyrie to Thomas Tyrie. In suspense from the non-receipt of letters on account of Lord Sanquhar. A letter to be given to Mr. Alexander, who will know to whom it should be addressed. A letter from Crichton, but no resolution; he means to go to Italy, but they shall not let him.

Pont, June 23.

Johannes Blenius to A. Macqueen, priest of the Society of Jesus, at Antwerp. Congratulations on his safe arrival at Antwerp. Illness of Father Reginald and Christopher. Father Clement has just begun the visitation of the College. Lat.

Mussiponti, June 24.

Leirmouth to the Laird of Farnhurst. Sends him a ticket written by his [Farnhurst's] father, whom God hath called to a better world. Advises him to live at peace with his neighbours.

July 1.

Walter Stevenson to Robert Sanderson. Thanks for his remembrance. Offer of service. Sends red lettuce seed.

Metz, July 1.

M. Stevenson to John Black. Accounts between various persons for "plaiding." Begs him to beseech John Wilson to go warily in all his "adoes." He sees how it stands since Martin Hart set fire to Stephen Barnett's land and houses. The Gudeman of Blackstock [Sanquhar] received the letters of Thomas and John Wilson. Perplexity of the Duchess through enterprising such high matters.

Meny [Pont], July 23.

Alison Hamilton to Captain George Seaton. Marvels that he has not heard from him, and what he purposes to do with him and his bairns. His debtors press very sair, and he will be discharged of his entertainment unless he returns shortly.

Brussels, Aug. 1.

Anonymous to Andrew Clark. Reminds him to send an answer to his Chief and Lord Seton, also he may have from Alexander Pope the "Ave Gloriosa" in plain song.

Brussels, August 4.

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John Cowper to his sister Margaret Cowper, spouse to John Lowry, Burgess of Edinburgh. Expresses his sorrow in having been the cause of such trouble to her. Wishes to know how the estate of their friends stands.

Brussels, August 10.

Anonymous to Andrew Clark. Assures him that it is not his fault that he did not receive his pacquet, for as soon as it came to Douai he gave it, as he commanded, to the Rector of the Jesuits.

Douai, August 13.

A cipher of names and terms used in the preceding correspondence.

Oct. 24. 36. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. In behalf of James Monteith, wounded at St. Valerie, and just arrived from Dieppe, that he may have a passport to go to Scotland; and that one Comyne may have a passport into Germany.

Oct. 31. 37. King James to the Earl of Essex. In behalf of the bearer, Holyrood, that he may not be hindered in transporting grain.

Oct. 31. 38. Anonymous to ——. Lennox made Lord of Liddesdale. My Lord Warden is come home and has got his own terms. The Chancellor is likely to get to Court again.

Nov. 39. Advertisement of occurrences in Scotland:—Troubles in Edinburgh. Movements of Bothwell. A fight between Lord Lindsay and John Murray, and other followers of Bothwell. Submission of sundry of Liddesdale. Spynie charged with communicating with Bothwell. Sir James Stewart to be recalled to Court. *Incloses,*

39. I. “*Copie of the libell caste in the pulpitt in the great churche and in John Carne's house againte the ministers in Edinburgh.*” *In verse, commencing,*
“*Will Watson's wordes or Bruce's boist avail?*”

October 24.

Nov. 4. 40. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Credits his servant George Nicolson, instructed to report certain matters to him.

Nov. 4. 41. Mr. Bowes' instructions to George Nicolson, sent to report to the Lord Treasurer the present estate and occurrences in Scotland, with other things necessary for her Majesty's service. The Chancellor. The Papists. Strangers of quality kept by Huntly and Erroll. John Colvile. Bothwell. The Borders. Lord Hamilton. The Duke of Lennox.

[Nov. 4.] 42. A note of such things as George Nicolson is directed to sue for of Lord Burghley for Mr. Bowes. Instruction how to deal in respect to the papists; the entertaining or shaking off of Bothwell, and other matters.

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Nov. 11. Edinburgh. 43. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Apprehension of Walter Graham. Raids in the West Marches. An offer from Spain. The plot to draw Spanish forces into Scotland. The King's resolution against Bothwell. Dissuasions used to prevent the King from sending the Chancellor in embassy to England. Attempt to reconcile the Chancellor and Lennox. Designs on the Chancellor. A foray by Mackintosh on the tenants of Huntly.

Nov. 13. 44. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Forwards letters received from Mr. Bowes' servant.

Nov. 16. Edinburgh. 45. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Jesuits allowed to remain in Scotland. A petition to be made to the King by the Catholics for liberty of conscience. Their dependance on Spain. Designs of the new Court. Meeting of the ministry. The Parliament. The Chancellor's refusal to deliver up his office to Mar. Bothwell reported to be entered into England. Buccleuch licensed to return to Scotland. One William Wilson, pretending to be a poet, is there, and a silly person named John Gelsterne, who has gotten letters about the novelties there; if these and their labours be known to his Lordship, he [Bo^a es] shall not impeach them, otherwise he shall do as he is directe l.

Nov. 21. Edinburgh. 46. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. An offer to reveal the bands for the alteration of religion; the person offering is pensioned by the King of Spain. The two persons in the houses of Huntly and Erroll are said to be the Bishops of Ross and Dumblane. Fears that Mar has got some tale of them, if so the market will be marred.

Nov. 21. Edinburgh. 47. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen of England's order for the apprehension of Bothwell. The King pleased. A Council to be established. Erroll, Home, and others, to be cited before the Church. Home's offer to discover the band for the Catholics. Black, Clark, and Tyrie, Jesuits. Precautions to be taken against the Catholics. The Countess Bothwell throws herself at the King's feet in the street. Result. The wars in the North betwixt Atholl and Huntly.

Nov. 30. Edinburgh. 48. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Excuses for committing certain matters of weight to his servant Nicolson. The Queen's thanks conveyed to the King of Scots for his plain dealing towards her; the King's opinion of the deceitful nature of the offers from Spain. The King's resolution never to receive Bothwell to his mercy. His entreaties that her Majesty should not favour Bothwell; he [Bowes] cannot therefore deal safely with the Earl as he is directed, so refers the matter to Lord Hunsdon. Bothwell lately in Edinburgh. The Master of Gray and others received to the King's mercy. Hopes for Bothwell. Lord Hamilton warned of Lennox's intention against him. Border matters. His [Bowes'] desire to be revoked. The murder of the Earl of Eglinton. The Chancellor will not go to England except in case of necessity. Doubts about the Bishops of Ross and Dumblane being in Scotland; Smallet's

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particulars about them, and his offer to apprehend them for 1,000l. ; an offer brought by them to the King of Scots from Spain. Captain Stewart [late Earl of Arran] expected to recover his credit at Court. Treason alleged against the Chancellor. Lennox's threats to stick the Laird of Spynie. The King offended with Lennox. The Parliament to meet on the day appointed. Efforts to remove the Chancellor. Accusations made to the King against the Lord John Hamilton. The troubles in the North. [*Partly in cipher.*]

Dec. 4.
Edinburgh.

49. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. His doubts about the Bishops of Ross and Dumblane being in Scotland ; means taken to ascertain it. The Master of Gray's reconciliation to the King, and his offers to her Majesty. The King's reception of Captain Stewart [late Arran] ; his attempt to stop the mouths of the ministers ; bitter invectives against him. Departure of Bothwell ; his intentions. Lennox begins to open himself against Hamilton. The contest between Huntly and Atholl. Gathering of seven clans by Mackintosh. Farnihurst to be Deputy for Liddesdale. Proclamation against Bothwell.

Dec. 4. 50. Assurance made by the Earls of Atholl and Angus with the Earl of Huntly, for a cessation of hostilities between them until February 15 next.

Dec. 17.
Edinburgh.

51. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen's letter to the King concerning Bothwell ; Mr. Lok delayed for the answer. Bill exhibited against certain Englishmen for the raid at Falkland. Uncertainty as to the two Bishops having been in Scotland. Designs discovered against her Majesty and the Isle of Man ; the Laird of Ladylands a principal in them, and two Englishmen ; the Laird's examination. Remission granted to Robert Bruce ; its strange form, and consequent complaints about it. Reported death of the Prince of Parma. Parliament adjourned. The King and the Duke of Lennox reconciled. Glamis restored to his office. Great slaughter committed on women and children by the followers of Huntly. A secret meeting between Erroll, Huntly, and Angus. *Incloses,*

51. 1. *Remission granted by the King of Scotland to Robert Bruce, son of Ninian Bruce; for lese Majesté, negotiation with foreign Princes and Jesuits for the alteration of religion, for the receipt and distribution of money from Spain, and other offences. Lat. Holyrood, December 8.*

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Jan. 1.
Edinburgh.

1. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Intention of the Catholics to send Mr. George Carr to Spain, with letters ; capture of him and his letters. Blanks, with the signatures of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Other letters ; names of the writers. The two Bishops still reported to be in Scotland. The conspiracy intended against her Majesty. A warning given to Glamis. Huntly's people slain by Mackintosh. A band made in Fife for the maintenance of religion.

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Jan. 1. 2. A memorandum, by Lord Sempill, Lord Ross, and two others, promising to be true servants to the Queen of England and the religion of Christ Jesus as professed in Scotland. [*Indorsed by Bowes, "Mr. Andrew Knox's note."*]

Jan. 3.
Edinburgh.

3. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The letters found with George Carr. Manifest conspiracy of the Catholics, in confederacy with Spain, to overturn the religion. Persuasions used to the King to take arms against the three Earls. Interview of Angus with the King; the Council commands him to ward; his refusal, and subsequent compliance. Confession of Carr's servant. Offers of service of Lord Sempill and others to her Majesty. Proclamation against the Jesuits and followers of Bothwell. *Incloses,*

3. i. *James Christeson [James Gordon] to George Crawford [William Crichton.] Urges him to use all possible expedition now they have gotten all they desired. Would that he could bring his friends from beyond sea. All other things are committed to the bearer [George Carr] who is faithful.* Dundee, November 20.

3. ii. *The note of sundry letters and writings taken with George Carr.* January 1, 1593.

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4. Copies of various letters taken upon George Carr, viz.—

John Cargill to William Craig. If his friends think his coming necessary, he will be ready when they please. Begs his favours for the bearer such as so worthy a personage merits. Edinburgh, June 12, 1592.

Certificate by James Gordon in commendation of Master George Carr for his constancy to the catholic religion. Lat. June 24, 1592

James Christesoun [Gordon] to Thomas Anderson. Credits the bearer [George Carr?], and begs his assistance to him, for they are all greatly indebted to him. July 1, 1592.

James Christesoun [Gordon] to W. Heroll. News of friends The bearer a very honest man, and a great friend to them all. Dundee, July 1, 1592.

— to George Crawford [William Crichton]. Bad state of Scotland. Murder of Murray. Bothwell's attempt to take the King. His enterprize on Falkland. The Chancellor likely to leave the Court. Chief guiders of the King. Capture of Burley and Logye; escape of the latter. August, 1592.

Gambaro Craso to the Sultan of Cairo. Compliments conveyed by the bearer [George Carr]. Ital.

Antwerp, — 23.

John Cecil to Cardinal Allen. Sets forth how he has been persecuted. The chief fact against him is that he was with

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4. Copies of various letters taken upon George Carr—*continued.*

his Lordship in Rome in 1591. Particulars of his subsequent movements; his capture; his examination by the Lord Treasurer; his constant adherence to the Catholic religion. Lord Seton's kindness to him. The general assize to be held at York for Catholics.

Seton, Oct. 2, 1592.

John Cecill to Robert Parsons. The inclosed to my Lord [Cardinal Allen] he begs him to consider as addressed to himself. Had he spoken with him in Italy he had perhaps made a much better conclusion of his business there. My Lord Seton has a haven which will be very commodious for their missions. If any be sent there [Scotland] let them inquire for one Mr. Jonas, which will be a token betwixt them.

Seton, Oct. 2, 1592.

John Chisholme to his cousin John Chisholme. Acknowledges the receipt of a letter, and sends him news of friends and relatives.

Edinburgh, [October], 1592.

Earl of Angus to [W. Crichton]. If he were in this country now, he could do him greater pleasure than he was able to do before. The bearer he will credit as himself for so his virtues merit.

Edinburgh, Oct. 10, 1592.

James Christeson [James Gordon] to George Carr. Sends the bearer Sandison [Abercromby] for sundry things belonging to them, which remain in his hands.

Oct. 29, 1592.

Certificate by Robert Abercromby, Jesuit, testifying to the constancy of the bearer, George Carr, to his religion, and setting forth his persecution by the heretics.

Lat.
[Nov.], 1592.

James Christeson [Gordon] to Robert Sanderson [Abercromby]. Begs him to be diligent. If this have not good success they must essay the other way. If he receives anything from Mr. George, he must send the half, and it will serve him and Henderson.

Nov. 1, 1592.

Henry Gilbert to Robert Balfour. Health of divers friends. The misery they live in [in Scotland]. Commendation of the bearer. Recommends George Makeson especially to him, who has been a good friend to James Gordon.

Nov. 4, 1592.

James Gordon to James Anellanodus, Jesuit. His satisfaction in hearing of his welfare. The bearer, George Carr, a man dear both to God and themselves, is commissioned to inform him of the state of himself and the other members of the society in Scotland.

Lat. Scotland, Nov. 20, 1592.

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[Jan.]4. Copies of various letters taken upon George Carr—*continued.*

James Gordon to Peter Ribadeneira. To the same effect as the preceding. Lat. Scotland, Nov. 20, 1592.

James Gordon to Francis Anthony. Thanks for his favours. Commendations in favour of the bearer [George Carr], a partaker in their afflictions, and a most worthy man. Lat. Scotland, Nov. 20, 1592.

James Christeson [James Gordon] to George Crawfurd [William Crichton]. Urges him to use all expedition against the next summer, to make haste now they have gotten all they desired. Will abide him there, and would that he brought his friends from beyond sea. All other things are committed to the bearer [George Carr] who is faithful. Dundee, Nov. 20, 1592.

Robert Scot to Robert Parsons. In favour of John Cecill, against whom some false rumours had been spread abroad, but whom he recommends on account of his probity and the good service he has done in their vineyard. Lat. Nov. 25, 1592.

Acknowledgment by James Christeson [Gordon] and Robert Sanderson [Abercrombie] of the receipt of George Carr of the sum of 100 crowns of the sun, for the relief of their great need and poverty, and promising to repay the same. Dec. 3.

Acknowledgment to a similar effect by Robert Abercrombie for 100 crowns received for himself and Mr. James Gordon. Dec. 3.

[Laird of Fintry] to —. His imprisonment. Reports not to be cared for. The man who fell sick at Seton was willing to have spoken with him. Great difficult will be found with Mr. Sanderson's mother. A conference with some ministers. Dec. 9.

John Chesholme to the Bishop of Vaysoun [?] at the Court of Venice. Marriage of his sister Margaret; persons present. News of various friends. Fintry committed to ward. Spynie accused of treason. Huntly in the North. [Dec.]

Robert Sandison [Abercromby] to George Crawfurd [William Crichton]. Sloth and negligence of the merchants in answering his last suit. The bearer [Carr] has taken it in hand at his own charges. His [Carr's] good qualities. A procuration to intromet with the living of Alexander Home. Tyrie. Hard handling of Foster [Graham of Fintry]. Dec. 15, 1592.

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Jan. 3. 5. Robert Bowes to [the Earl of Huntingdon]. Capture of George Carr with letters. Committal of Angus. The King entreated to hasten home. Proclamations against the Jesuits. Bothwell entertained at Bewcastle, by Thomas Musgrave; the King's anger.

Jan. 7. 6. Memoranda, in a species of disguised language, part French, part English, part Latin, and part Italian, of Scottish matters; the plot by divers of the Scottish nobility to induce the King of Spain to invade their country and alter the religion; the efforts of the Jesuits; Cardinal Allen; persons pensioned from Spain; Bothwell, &c.

Jan. 10. 7. John Colville to the Dean of Durham. Communicates an offer, from a gentleman of good fame and honesty, for the discovery of certain great practices intended in Scotland in regard to religion; and begs him to use all speed and secrecy in the matter.

Jan. 12. 8. [Lord Burghley] to Mr. Bowes. The offence taken by the King of Scots in regard to the relief of the Earl of Bothwell in England. Excuses to be made to him in respect to the not sending of the yearly allowance promised him by her Majesty.

Jan. 13. 9. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The great treasons discovered for the overthrow of religion. A Convention of Barons and ministers; remonstrance to the King; the King reprobates them; his fair words and promises. His dissatisfaction in regard to Bothwell and the yearly gratuity promised by her Majesty. Expected danger. Secret departure of two priests. George Carr will not confess; the torment of the boots to be inflicted on him. Angus offers to be tried. Angus to be forfeited, and Huntly and Erroll to escape.

Jan. 19. 10. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's complaints in respect to the entertainment of Bothwell in Northumberland. A person to be sent to her Majesty in embassy. The King's threats against England. The King's promise for punishment of the conspirators; his intention to march in person against Huntly and Erroll.

Jan. 19. 11. Articles proposed by the King and Council to the Ministry, touching the distinction and punishment of papists.

Jan.] 12. The effects of the answer of this convention to the articles proposed by the King's Majesty for the pursuit and persecution of the Jesuits.

Jan. 21. 13. Robert Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. Her letters to the King of Scots. Her excuses for not sending his promised pension; the King's reception of them. The reception of Bothwell in England. Huntly's treasons. Examination of Angus. George Carr and others to be examined immediately. The King was mightily ravished with the new phrases and sound advice in her letter, and it is this which hath stirred him to this round course against the papists.

Jan. 21. 14. A copy of the same.

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Jan. 22. Edinburgh. 15. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Refers to his letter to the Queen. Credits the bearer, Christopher Sheperson. The King purposes to march against Huntly and the other conspirators.

Jan. 28. • Funchal, in the Island of Madeira. 16. George Fausyde to Archibald Douglas, Ambassador of the King of Scots in London. Is waiting the return of his ship. Intends then to go to Spain and to accomplish his promised service to the Lord Treasurer or the Lord Admiral. There is no wine or fruit worth sending at present, but begs his acceptance of a box of marmalade and twe barrels of conserves.

Jan. 29. 17. Memorial of sundry things committed to the report of Christopher Sheperson by Mr. Bowes, in respect to the state of Scotland.

Jan. 29. Edinburgh. 18. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Examination of George Carr; his intended execution; his confession; Crichton; Tyrie. The three Earls. Carr's instructions to the King of Spain. Meeting of Huntly and Erroll with their friends. Quarrel between Spynie and Lennox. Impediments to the proceedings against the conspirators.

Jan. 29. 19. Substance of the confession made by George Carr, in respect to the practices of the Jesuits, Tyrie, Crichton, and Gordon, the Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll, and the suit to be made by them to the King of Spain.

Jan. 30. Holyrood. 20. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of the suits of William Scot, merchant, of Kirkcaldy, whose ship and goods from St. Michael's had been arrested in London.

Feb. 3. Edinburgh. 21. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's endeavours to make Carr reveal the truth of the conspiracies with Spain; a small taste of the torture administered to him; the result; his disclosures. Huntly and Erroll to enter into ward. Bothwell coming with forces towards Edinburgh.

Feb. 3. 22. Mr. Henry Maynard to Mr. English. Begs his assistance for the setting down an account of all monies sent into Scotland for five or six years past.

Feb. 4. 23. Account of monies sent into Scotland, delivered to Mr. Davison, Walsingham, Bowes, and others, from October 6, 1586. [*On the preceding letter.*]

Feb. 6. 23. Payments made to the use of the King of Scots from the 15th of June, 1588, delivered to Mr. Bowes, Mr. John Colville, and others; amounting in all to 16,550*l.*

Feb. 8. 24. George Carr's letter to King James, and the substance of his confessions made on the 5th and 6th February, in respect to the plot intended by the Catholics for the advancement of their religion in Scotland and the invasion of England; participation of Angus and others in the same; the blank letters, how they were to be filled up, &c.

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Feb. 6. 25. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. George Carr tortured ; his confession. Fentry's participation in the plot. The King's anxiety to try those in ward. The intended raid against Huntly and others. Suits of Huntly and Erroll to the King. Bothwell reported to be returned to Scotland. A quarrel in church, for precedence, between Maxwell and Morton. *Incloses,*

25. i. *Confession of George Carr :—Letters sent by Crichton from Spain ; the King's readiness to invade England ; the blanks obtained of the Scotch nobles ; the army to be sent into England.* February 3.

Feb. 10. 26. Instructions for Mr. Lok :—To inform the Earl of Bothwell of her Majesty's good acceptance of his offers, and of her intention to intercede for him with the King of Scots.

Feb. 12 Edinburgh. 27. Andrew Lamb, David Spens, William Murray, and Thomas Bigges, Scottish Ministers, to the Privy Council of England. In favour of William Scot, skipper, of Kirkcaldy, who had been unjustly imprisoned at St. Michael's, and his ship taken away by the master and mariners.

Feb. 14. Edinburgh. 28. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Passport for the Lord Burgh coming to Scotland. The King's anxiety to receive him. The King's intended journey against the rebels. Proceedings of Huntly and Erroll. Intended enterprises of Bothwell. Search for him. Huntly and others declared rebels. Escape of Angus ; his excuses to the King. Sudden departure of Hamilton. Golf playing. A fray between Sir James Sandilands and Mr. John Graham ; death of the latter, and of Sir Alexander Stewart. Depositions of Mr. George Carr. Examination of Fentry ; his disclosures ; his speedy execution. Public fast and prayers. *Incloses,*

28. i. *Further confession of Mr. George Carr, in respect to the Earls of Angus and Erroll, and their participation in the intended plot.* February 10.

[Feb.] 29. A Discouerie of the Vnnatvrall and traiterous Conspiracie of Scottisch Papists against God, his Kirk, their natvie Cuntrie, the Kingis Majesties person and estate ; set downe as it was confessed and subscruuit be M. George Ker, yet remaining in Prisone, and David Grahame of Fentrie, iustly executed for his treason in Edinburgh the 15 of Februarie, 1592. Wherevnto are annexed certaine intercepted Letters written by sundrie of that factioun to the same purpose. Printed and publisched at the special commaund of the Kingis Majestie. *Black letter, 4to.*

Edinburgh, printed by Robert Waldegrave.

Feb. 16. Edinburgh. 30. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Execution of Fentry ; his confessions. The King's proceeding alone in the matter. His determination against the other rebels. Morton left to govern

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matters in his absence. Angus gone to Huntly and Erroll. Arraignment of Ladylands deferred. *Incloses,*

30. i. *Depositions of David Graham of Fentry, in respect to the conspiracy of the Catholics and his participation in the same; their object; the blank letters; George Carr sent with them, &c.* February 13.

30. ii. *Another version of the above depositions.* February 13.

30. iii. *Copy of Fentry's deposition, written with his own hand and sent to the King.* February.

30. iv. *Further depositions of Fentry, as to the number of Spaniards to have been brought into Scotland; the nobles to have joined with them; the use of the blank letters, &c.* February 14.

30. v. *The Laird of Fintrie's Dittay, quhairupon he was conuict of maist haynous treason be ane honorabill assys of Barrons and gentillmen, upon his auin grant and confession, contenit yn his depositionis producit yn judgment before Maister Villiame Hearte, his Maistrie's Generall Justice Depute, for the quhilk he was execute to ye death ye xv. of Februar 1592.* February 15.

Feb. 21. Edinburgh. 31. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King entered upon his journey. Order for the reception of Lord Burgh. Vain tales of enterprises intended by Bothwell. Huntly reported to have fled by sea. Crichton departed to Rome in discontent. Bothwell's answer to the calumnies alleged against him. *Incloses,*

31. i. *Ane declaration of the Earl Bothwell's answers to sundry calumnies unjustly objected against him.* February 7.

Feb. 26. Edinburgh. 32. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The instructions and the intentions of Lord Burgh, her Majesty's Ambassador there. His sufficiency.

Feb. 26. Edinburgh. 33. Thomas Lord Burgh to Lord Burghley. His arrival. The King absent. His reception by Lord Seton. Visit from Morton. Disclosures by a person employed by Mr. Bowes. Huntly concealed. A surprise of the King intended.

[Feb.] 34. An advertisement out of Scotland from —— Campbell:— The Lords of the Spanish faction are set at liberty, and are seeking to dispatch the Chancellor who is her Majesty's chief friend there.

March 5. Edinburgh. 35. Lord Burgh to Lord Burghley. No answer yet from the King. Mr. Bowes' assistance to him. The King much suspected of favouring the rebels.

March 5. Aberdeen. 36. Proclamation against the Earls of Huntly, Angus, Erroll, and others, setting forth their various treasonable proceedings, and charging all persons to give up communication with them.

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March 6. 37. Lord Burgh to Lord Burghley. News of the King's good progress. Flight of the rebels. Athol joins the King with 1,200 foot and 300 horse. Gold coming from Spain. Spanish navy expected at Kircudbright.

March 7. 38. The Earl of Bothwell to Thomas Musgrave, Captain of Bewcastle. Sorry that through his [Bothwell's] default he should have been so long prisoner. Has spoken with Mr. Lok, and the answers are more favourable than he [Bothwell] is worthy of. His great desire to send some one to her Majesty. Will write nothing to my Lord Chamberlain till matters grow riper. Professes his devotion to her Majesty and the King his dear master.

March 13. 39. "The Act of Caution," whereby all persons are cautioned from assisting or communicating with the Earls of Huntly, Erroll, and Angus, and others, and with all Jesuits, seminary priests, trafficking papists, and others the King's traitors and rebels.

March 19. 40. Lord Burgh to Lord Burghley. Audience of the King. His good acceptance of his [Lord Burgh's] negotiation. His vows against the Spanish practisers. The Earls are still lurking about. Has not spoken of Bothwell yet. Ill reception by the Queen. Begs to be recalled.

[March.] 41. An abridgment of my [Lord Burgh's] propositions to the King's Highness according to the instructions given me by the Queenes Majestie my Soueraigne Mistris.

March 19. 42. Occurrents in Scotland:—The King's journey against the rebel Earls; disposition of their property: further proceedings against them; the Chancellor and Spynie to be called to Court. Proceedings to be taken against Bothwell.

March 19. 43. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Lord Burgh's audience. The King's commendation of him. The King's resolution against the conspirators. A strong guard to be levied. The King's need of her Majesty's assistance.

March 21. 44. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The King pleased with her Majesty's directions for the apprehension of the rebels. The matter of the employment of Pury Ogilvy will proceed no further. Movements of Huntly; the strong party against him. The Chancellor. The King's disposition against Bothwell.

March 25. 45. Lord Burgh and Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Acknowledge the receipt of a hundred pounds.

March 29. 46. Lord Burgh and Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Acknowledge the receipt of two hundred pounds from two Scotchmen, and beg his Lordship to give order for their repayment.

March 30. 47. Lord Burgh to Lord Burghley. The King's want of power against those great men who have embraced Spanish assistance. No present danger to be feared. Mischief of the interalliances among the nobility. The King's complaints of Bothwell, and of his being received in England.

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March 31. 48. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Money received to the Edinburgh. amount of 300*l.* Redress for Border matters.

April 4. 49. Earl of Bothwell to Lord Burghley. The bearer, Mr. Henry Edinburgh. Lok, is instructed by him. Thanks his Lordship for his intercession with her Majesty for his relief.

April 7. 50. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Discreet and commendable Edinburgh. behaviour of Lord Burgh with the King. Her Majesty's gracious acceptance of his [Bowes'] service. His weakness and inability to bear it without ruin.

April 7. 51. The occurrents in Scotland fallen before the 7th of April:— Movements of Huntly, Erroll, Angus, and James Gordon; the Queen's anger with the Chancellor; an offer to surprise Huntly and Bothwell.

April 10. 52. Lord Burgh to Lord Burghley. Forwards letters from Donecaster. Mr. Bowes. Will follow as fast as he can. Hopes to wait on her Majesty by Easter Day

April 19. 53. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Excuses made to the King Edinburgh. in respect to the receipt of Bothwell in England by Thomas Musgrave. The King's passion. Doubts of Sir Robert Melvill as to his reception in England. The Queen of Scots' wrath against the Chancellor. Convention of the Estates. Justice courts. Overtures from Angus and Erroll. A foul practice for the surprise of the King, to be disclosed by the Chancellor.

April 28. 54. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Convention of the Estates. Edinburgh. Few persons there. Montrose refuses to come. Excuses of others. Sir Robert Melvill's approaching journey to England. Articles addressed by the King to the General Assembly of the Church. Home's departure from the Court; the reason. The King's body guard. The King's intention to visit the Chancellor. Atholl's zeal against the rebels. A request from him. Movements of Huntly. Captain James Stewart again recommended by the Chancellor's enemies. Movements of Bothwell. *Incloses,*

54. I. *Articles proposed in his Majesty's name to the General Assembly of the Church presently convened at Dundee, requesting them to prohibit any declamation against him, and his Ministers, in the pulpit.* April 26.

54. II. *Earl of Atholl to Mr. Bowes. Begs the continuation of his friendly dealing in his behalf, for Lochaber, as my Lord of Argyll is about to suit it, to keep a back door open to the sea for their enemies.* Dunkeld, April 26.

April 29. 55. Another copy of the articles proposed to the General Assembly of the Church by the King, and the Assembly's answer to the same.

April 29. Humble petitions of the General Assembly of the Kirk craved of his Majesty's nobility and Council, presently convened for the punishment of papists, Jesuits, and seminary priests. [With the preceding.]

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May 1. 56. Band against the Earl of Bothwell, subscribed by the King, Lennox, Argyll, Morton, Mar, Glamis, Home, and others.

May 2. 57. Memorandum by Gawin Johnston of the receipt of two letters from the King of Scots, written in his behalf to the Queen of England.

May 8. 58. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Garter for the King of Scots. His [Bowes'] difficulties. The Queen's displeasure with him. The Convention dissolved. The King bent against Bothwell. The Assembly of the Church broken up. The approaching journey of Sir Robert Melvill into England. The King's complaints of Bothwell's receipt in England. A device to surprise Abercromby the Jesuit. George Carr to be re-examined. Atholl constant against Huntly. The King resolved to bring in the Chancellor again. Huntly reported to have been in Court; other reports about him. Overtures of Huntly to Bothwell.

May 20. 59. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Suit to the King for removing the Countess of Huntly from Court. The Queen of Scots' anger against the Chancellor. The Chancellor's offers to her. Money for the payment of the garrison at Berwick. Dangerous state of Scotland. The King's danger from Bothwell. Proceedings of Huntly. Accusations against Lennox. Means to be made to bring Captain James Stewart to the Court.

May 21. 60. Lord Herys to Lord Burghley. Thanks for her Majesty's favourable dealings towards him. Begs that the murdering outlawed thieves of Scotland may not be received into England.

May 21. 61. Advertisements of occurrences in Scotland:—A hunting between the King and Lord Hamilton prevented by Lennox; day of law between Dunottar, Dumblane, and others; Sir Robert Melvill to go to England within four days.

May 28. 62. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen's compassion of his miserable condition. Her intention not to send any new man into Scotland at present. His efforts to stay the departure of Sir Robert Melvill into England. The Countess of Huntly to be removed from Court. Removal of sundry courtiers. Angus, Huntly, and other rebels. Overtures for Huntly. The receipt of Bothwell in England. Money for Berwick. Dryness between Lennox and Glamis. Movements of Huntly. The Laird of Ladylands' escape from Glasgow Castle. Embassy from Denmark.

May 31. 63. King James to Lord Burghley. Having resolved to send one of his Privy Council in special embassy to the Queen, his dearest sister, for the better and timely obviating of certain dangerous practices, begs the immediate sending of his annuity, in greater quantity than hath been granted to him before. Bis dat qui cito dat.

June 4. 64. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Credits the bearer, Sir Robert Melvill, amply instructed in certain matters to be proposed to her.

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65. King James to Lord Burghley. The bearer, Sir Robert Melvill, is instructed in sundry weighty matters to be communicated to the Queen. Begs him to further his speedy dispatch.

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• 66. "The copie of Sir Robert Melvill's instructions, now Ambassador from the King of Scots to the Queen's Majesty of England," respecting the receipt of Bothwell in England, and the intended proceedings in Scotland against the King's rebels; also to demand help of money, ships, and munition. •

June 10.
Edinburgh.

67. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. His efforts to delay the departure of Sir Robert Melvill to England. Withdrawal of sundry nobles from the Court. Sir Robert sets out. Parliament to be continued. A new Council chosen to be about the King, the Duke, the Chancellor, and others. The Countess of Huntly's removal from Court. Bothwell's receipt in England. The King's annuity. Efforts to draw Huntly, Angus, and Erroll to the devotion of her Majesty. Edinburgh in arms. An abduction.

June 17.
Edinburgh.

68. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Spanish shallops. The Queen's orders respecting Bothwell. The King's satisfaction. The King's favour to Huntly. A day of law for a slaughter. Captain James Stewart. His hopes of returning to favour. Movements of Huntly.

June 20.
Edinburgh.

69. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Captain James Stewart; his efforts to return to Court; his suit for the Chancellorship. Remonstrance with the King. A proposition to be made respecting the succession to the Crown of Scotland. The composition made by the Chancellor to the Queen. The Chancellor to be recalled to Court. The rebels; their friends; difficulty of banishing them. The King to be persuaded to throw off his amity with England.

June 22.
Edinburgh.

70. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Return of the Chancellor to Court. Discontent. A tumult in the Canongate between the followers of Hamilton and Argyll. Opposition of Lennox and Mar to the Chancellor. Escape of Mr. George Carr from the castle. A libel against Lennox and Mar, of a design to kill the King and overthrow the religion.

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71. An account of several sommes of monie paid to the use of the King of Scots from 1581 to 1593.

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72. Another note of monies paid to the use of the King of Scots by Mr. Bowes, Colville, and others.

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73. A similar note.

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74. Answer made by the States General of the Low Countries to the propositions made to them on behalf of the King of Scotland by William Stewart; promising a return of his friendly feelings, and advising him to promote the League, and so prevent all further treasons against him. Fr.

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75. An abstract of the heads contained in the preceding answer.

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June 28. 76 Edward Englyshe to Mr. Henry Maynard. Forwards particulars for the information of my Lord, of various sums of money paid to the use of the King of Scots.

June 28. Edinburgh. 77. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The quarrel between Hamilton and Argyll. Vain tales devised to stop the return of the Chancellor to Court. His withdrawal to Lethington. The King resolved to support him. Difficulty of reconciling him with Lennox and others.

June 30. Edinburgh. 78. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Mr. Ord sent to Spain by the papists; his reported return and apprehension; letters found on him; the King sent him; on what business. Huntly and Erroll showing themselves openly. Foreign news. The Spanish navy coming to England.

July 2. 79. Memorandum, by Sir Robert Melvill, of requests to be made by him to the Privy Council of England in behalf of the King of Scots; for help against his rebels; respecting Bothwell and the persons who received him in England; and for the King's gratuity.

July ? 80. Another memorandum of "requests" of the Ambassador of Scotland.

July 3. Westminster. 81. Edward Englyshe to Lord Burghley. Forwards a note of monies paid to the use of the King of Scots.

July 4. 82. Account of monies paid to Mr. Randolph, Bowes, Colvile, and others, to the use of the King of Scots.

July 19. Staines. 83. Sir Robert Melvill to Lord Burghley. Has received the Queen's answer, which is not agreeable to his Sovereign's expectation, and the aid is not so effectual as was looked for. Begs him to intercede with her Majesty for some better consideration of the matter, and that the money promised to the King may not be lessened.

July 19. 84. Memorandum, by Sir Robert Melvill, of matters to be requested of the Queen of England for the King of Scots; for help against his rebels, for order in the matter of Bothwell, and for the promised gratuity.

July 19. 85. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Being acquainted with his weakness and inability to sustain the weight of the service there, has appointed his nephew, Sir William Bowes, to assist him till his recovery.

July 19. 86. The Queen to Sir William Bowes. Instructs him to repair to Scotland, and to assist his uncle, Robert Bowes, Esq., until such time as he shall recover his strength.

July 20. Edinburgh. 87. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Dower for the Queen of Scots. The summons against Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Papists admitted among the Lords of the Articles. The King disappointed in his hopes of support from England. Braveries flying about against England. A request made by Lord Hamilton to the King; refusal;

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Hamilton quits the house in anger; the King sends for him with forces; result. A reported plan of Bothwell's to submit himself to the King; the King's desire to draw Mr. Colvile from the Earl. A quarrel and assault in the Parliament House.

July.

88. King James to Sir Robert Melvill. Instructs him to inform the Queen of the open movements and proceedings of the Earl of Bothwell in Northumberland, and to complain to her of her evil usage of him [the King of Scots] in permitting the same.

July 21.

89. List of Acts passed in this present Parliament.

July 23.

90. Account of monies paid to Mr. Bowes and others for the use of the King of Scots from June 22, 1588, to July 23, 1593, amounting to 21,600*l.*

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Edinburgh.

91. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Bothwell and John Colvile brought to the King's presence. The King accepts their offers of submission. Bothwell to be tried for witchcraft. The town in arms. Alexander Home's remonstrance with Bothwell; probable result.

July 24.
London.

92. Sir Robert Melvill to Lord Burghley. The Queen's gratuity to the King of Scots less than he expected. Thanks for a gold chain. Mr Musgrave's trouble. His [Melvill's] return to Scotland; the Parliament kept sitting on account of his stay. Begs a warrant for certain merchants to transport some trunks of furniture for the King of Scots.

July 25.
Edinburgh.

93. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Neither Bothwell nor Colvile have sent to him; they possess the King and Court; their submission sticks in the King's heart. Probable effect of this change to Erroll, Angus, and Huntly. Particulars of the presentation of Bothwell to the King; his sweet words and offers; the King remonstrates with him for wishing to bring in Captain James Stewart. The King intercedes with Lennox for Bothwell. Departure of the Chancellor. Persons present at the Council; their secrecy. The King's audience to the Danish Ambassadors.

July 25.
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94. Robert Bowes to Lord Hunsdon. Particulars of the bringing of Bothwell and Mr. Colvile to the King's presence; their offers of submission, and the King's acceptance of them. Bothwell well received of the people.

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95. Remission granted by King James to the Earl of Bothwell, charging all persons not to do any harm, hurt, or trouble to him or his followers.

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August 4.
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1. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Departure of the King for Falkland; his attendants. An expected surprise by Morton, and the precautions used to prevent it. Offer of the papist Lords to the King. Suits made to the King to receive Captain James Stewart to the Court. Slaughter committed by the Highlanders under Argyll.

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August 4. 2. Earl of Bothwell to Queen Elizabeth. He should be ungrateful were he not now to perform those offices which her Majesty's gracious usage has deserved of him ; and he has directed the bearer [Henry Lok] to impart the same to her.

August 4. 3. Earl of Bothwell to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his kindness and fatherly advice. Has sent the bearer to offer performance of whatever he promised in his adversity.

August 8. Edinburgh. 4. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The late "access" of Bothwell to the King ; necessity of his [Bowes'] revocation. The forces brought together by Huntly. Warning given to the King ; the King's commands to Huntly. The late meeting between Argyll, Morton, Mar, and Glamis. His [Bowes'] revocation.

August. 5. Communication made by Christopher Sheperson [Bowes's clerk] to Lord Burghley. The Chancellor's fears for his house at Lethington ; the King's favour to him. The company now about the King in peaceable possession of the Court. The King's suspicions of Mr. Bowes. Bothwell's suspicions of him. Sad plight of Bowes.

August 11. Edinburgh. 6. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's return from Falkland. Trial and acquittal of Bothwell ; the evidence against him for participation with Graham the witch. Matters in progress at Court between Bothwell and the King ; great secrecy. Persuasions used with the King to stay his return to Falkland ; result. The King's servants ; suspicions against them ; their imprisonment. A great foray by Huntly. Angus at Douglas, and Erroll among his friends. *Incloses*,

6. 1. *Names of the Earls, Lords, and Barons empanelled on the assize for the trial of the Earl of Bothwell.* August 10.

August 12. Berwick. 7. Mr. John Carey to Lord Burghley. Particulars of Bothwell's trial for witchcraft ; manner of his arraignment ; the King's commission ; the depositions ; Bothwell's speeches in Court ; confessions of sundry witches, confederates of Graham ; names of the jury.

August 13. 8. Communication to be made by Christopher Sheperson to Lord Burghley, touching the affairs of Scotland. The King's feeling towards Huntly. The evidence against Bothwell. Accusations against the Chancellor. Efforts to reconcile Bothwell and Home, and other matters.

August 16. Edinburgh. 9. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Efforts of Bothwell to dissuade the King from going to Falkland ; the King requests him and the rest to withdraw from Court as they promised ; Bothwell's answer ; his excuses for the removal of sundry the King's servants ; his request for the punishment of the Earl of Murray's murderers ; his charges against Sir Robert Melvill and others. The King defends Melvill. The Ministers sent for. An interview between himself [Bowes] and the King. The King's intentions in regard to Bothwell ; his complaints against Bothwell and his party ; meetings of the Council ; mediation of Bowes ; result. The King desires the Ministers to exhort the people to free him from those about him. Bothwell

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9. i. *Copy of the remission granted by the King of Scots to the Earl of Bothwell, his partakers and aiders, of all bygone offences committed against his Majesty's person.*
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August 18. 10. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Negligence of the postmen. Edinburgh. Excuses for not writing. Particulars of Bothwell's late entry into the King's chamber; the King's behaviour; protestations of Bothwell; his pardon. Dispositions of the King's Councillors. The Northern Lords. The Hamiltons. John Colvile. Bothwell's intentions against Huntly. The Queen's enmity against the Chancellor.

August 21. 11. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King excuses himself Edinburgh. from dining with Morton. Disappointment of Angus and Erroll. Intended movements of the King. The Convention to attempt to pacify the feuds among the nobility. Agreement between the Chancellor, Home, and Glamis. Begs to be recalled.

August 21. 12. John Colvile to Sir Robert Cecil. Quiet since the late Edinburgh. capitulation. The King apparently means no otherwise. Agreement between Home, Maitland, and others. Suspicions in consequence. A Convention on the 7th of next month; its object. Need of her Majesty's assistance to them, &c.

August 21. 13. John Colvile to Henry Lok. Quietness since the capitulation. Sincerity of the King. A Convention appointed. Necessity of his speedy home coming [from England] with a benevolence.

August 22. 14. Dispensation granted by the King of Scotland of an Act Stirling. formerly made against the Earl of Huntly; the dispensation being granted in consequence of great incursions, fire raising, murders of innocent women and bairns, and heriships of gear and goods upon the said Earl of Huntly, and others the King's subjects, by the Clan Chattan.

August 23. 15. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Instructions to communicate with the King of Scots, in answer to a letter sent by Mr. Henry Lok, in respect to "the late accident" fallen out in Scotland; also to communicate with the Earl of Bothwell and his party, in regard to certain offers which they make to her Majesty.

August 23. 16. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Instructions to communicate with the King of Scots, in respect to the late proceedings between him and the Earl of Bothwell.

August 30. 17. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King gone hunting. Edinburgh. Ministers summoned to the Convention. Old Councillors to be gathered about the King. Little surety at Court for the Chancellor. The causes of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll; favour shown to them. The news from France. The King's order for the delivery of

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Bothwell's houses to him disobeyed. Huntly's invasion of Mackintosh. Overtures of Mackintosh to Bothwell. The Stewarts retired from Court. Questions moved by Bothwell's friends. The King's desire to pull out Bothwell's feathers. The Earl of Menteith's desire to visit England.

August 31. 18. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Fuller particulars of an Edinburgh. interview he had with the King on the subject of Bothwell's access and submission to him; also of the banquet Bothwell gave the King, of the agreements made between them, the quarrel between Mackintosh and Huntly, of the Master of Gray's being called to the Parliament in the lifetime of his father, and of her Majesty's unwillingness to recall him [Bowes] from Scotland

August. 19. "The names of those who have offered to subscribe and concur in the cause in hand."

Sept. 6. 20 Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Receipt of letters. Illness Edinburgh. of the King. The approaching Convention. Huntly and his friends will go forward agreeably to their offers to her Majesty. Angus seeking to band with Bothwell. A letter full of sweet words from the King to Bothwell. Angus and Erroll entered into their lands and possessions.

Sept. 10. 21. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King delays answering Stirling. her Majesty's letters. Meeting of the Convention. The King hunting. Murder of two ministers; suspicions against the papists. Bothwell to submit to the King's mercy, but to leave the kingdom. Nothing likely to be done against Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Murder of the Laird of Calder. The Convention to break up very shortly.

Sept. 13 22. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Arrival of Lord Home, Stirling. Glamis, and Sir George Home at the Court. Boasting of Lord Home against Bothwell and the Stewarts. Expected meeting between Bothwell and the Commissioners appointed to confer with him. Delay; the cause. Angus, Huntly, and Erroll in small danger of punishment. *Incloses*,

22. 1. *Act of the King and Convention of Scotland for the restitution of the Earl of Bothwell to his possessions upon certain conditions named.* September 11.

Sept. 15. 23. Robert Bowes to the Queen. The King's good acceptance Edinburgh. of her Majesty's favours shown to Sir Robert Melvill and others. He acquits her of any knowledge of Bothwell's late and sudden access to him. The King's answer to certain articles delivered to him on the part of her Majesty. Begs to be recalled.

Sept. 15. 24. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Articles presented to the Edinburgh. King on the part of her Majesty. The King banquetted by Bothwell. Dinner given by himself [Bowes] to Atholl and Bothwell and their Countesses. Agreement between the Chancellor, Home, and Glamis. The Chancellor to be called to Court. Angus, Huntly, and Erroll.

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Sept. 21. Edinburgh. 25. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's promise not to conclude with Angus, Huntley, and Erroll, without her Majesty's privity. Reported apprehension of Norman Leslie for the slaughter of the Earl of Murray. Communications between the jesuits. Bothwell's answer to Sir Robert Melvill and the others appointed to communicate with him. The King's anger at it. Bothwell commanded not to come within ten miles of the Court. The Chancellor written for by the King. Movements of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll.

Sept. 25 & 27. St. Andrews. 26. Proceedings and resolutions of the Provincial Synod of Fife on the state of the Kirk. The just copie of y^e letter directed from the Synod of Fife, by Mr. Andrew Lamb, to the Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale, and the answer thereunto.

Sept. 26. Edinburgh. 27. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Report of an audience given by the King to Huntly; uncertainty about it. The King's hard mind against Bothwell. The excommunication of Lord Home stayed by the King. Toleration in religion greatly dreaded. The Chancellor expected at Court. Lord Hamilton excuses himself.

Sept. 26. Linlithgow. 28. Act of the King of Scotland and Council, in respect to the excommunication of Lord Home on the 28th of October next, in case he resolve not to satisfy the Kirk in the matters required of him.

Sept. ? 29. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scotland. In answer to complaints made on the behalf of the King of Denmark of two cases of piracy. In the first case the alleged pirate, who lived at Ratcliff, has been dead two years, and his ship has been captured by the Spaniards, so that no proof can be obtained; and in the latter case more particulars are required before there can be further answer.

Oct. 1. Edinburgh. 30. James Sinclair, Master of Caithness, and James Douglas of Spott, to the Earl of Bothwell. Understand the Queen of England's desire that they should continue to concur in such affairs as are necessary to preserve their Sovereign from Spanish leaguers and disturbers of the religion, and beg him to make assurance to her Majesty for them.

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Oct. 4. 31. Andrew Stewart Lord Uchiltre to the Earl of Bothwell. To the same effect as the preceding.

Oct. 4. 32. Harry Stewart to the Earl of Bothwell. To the same effect.

Oct. 4. 33. Instructions to George Nicolson, employed and sent to the Lord Treasurer, on her Majesty's service, by Mr. Bowes, to inform him of the state of parties in Scotland, the reported interview between Huntly and the King, the required departure of Bothwell, and respecting Bowes' private affairs.

Oct. 5. 34. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Sudden journey of the King against the Earl of Atholl; warning given to Atholl; his escape. Reported intention of the King to surprise Bothwell. Suits for Bothwell. Appearance of George Carr with forces at Dalkeith.

Oct. 6. 35. Laird of Farnihurst to the Earl of Bothwell. Understands the wish of her Majesty the Queen of England, that he should continue such matters as are necessary for the safety of the King, and desires his Lordship to make assurance to her Majesty in his behalf.

Oct. 8. 36. Earl of Atholl to Bothwell. The number and credit of the Spanish "factioners." High time that remedy were provided. The Queen of England's aid requested. Whatever he [Bothwell] shall conclude with her Highness, himself, Gowry, Murray, Montrose, and others, will hold hard unto, to the uttermost of their power. *[This letter is in the handwriting of Mr. John Colville.]*

Oct. 8. 37. Lairds of Cluny, Burlie, Mugdrum, and others, to the Earl of Bothwell. Beg him to agree with some one, either at home or afield, that may profit their cause, in their names as in his own, as the enemies of religion and of the two Estates increase marvellously. Beg him, in particular, to seek the protection of the Queen of England. *[This letter also is in the autograph of Mr. Colville.]*

Oct. 9. 38. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's raid against Atholl; Atholl's retreat. Meeting between the King and Montrose; result. Reported intentions of the King against divers friends of Bothwell's; his intention to surprise Bothwell. An interview between the King and some ministers; their plain speaking to him. The Earls [Angus, Huntly, and Erroll] desire to be tried. Offers to be made by them to the King, the Estates, and the Kirk.

Oct. 11. 39. Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll to the Queen of England. Return thanks for her gracious acceptance of their suits, being heavily troubled and persecuted without just ground; and beg that she will continue her princely favour towards them till she has perfected her work with their King and the Ministry.

Oct. 11. 40. King of Scots' warrant for the arrest of a certain ship of London which had robbed a Scottish ship called the Bruce.

Oct. 41. Petition to the King of Scots by William Stewart, burgess of Dundee, touching a ship of his called the Bruce, taken at sea by the Gillian, of London.

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Oct. 11. Scotland. 42. Earls of Huntly and Erroll to Archibald Douglas. Beg him to continue as he has begun in signifying their good intentions to her Majesty, and to entreat her to procure a remission of the compulsory laws in Scotland in respect to religion.

Oct. 12. 43. Warrant by the Duke of Lennox, Admiral of Scotland, for the seizing of a ship of London called the Gillian.

Oct. 12. Edinburgh. 44. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen's desire for him to stay in Scotland; his weakness. His remonstrance with the King as to his seeing the Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll; the King denies the truth of the report. Intercession with him in behalf of Bothwell. The King's professions towards her Majesty. His severity against Bothwell. *Incloses*,

44. i. *Names of the Noblemen and Barons appointed to be of the Assize for the trial of the Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll.* October.

Oct. 12. Edinburgh. 45. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Sudden appearance and submission of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll to the King. The King dismisses them. Great outrage in Tynedale. *Incloses*,

45. i. *Particulars of the submission of the Earls of Huntly, Angus, and Erroll to the King on his road to Lauder, and of the King's treatment of them.* October 12.

Oct. 18. Edinburgh. 46. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Receipt of letters. Her Majesty's opinion touching the inconvenience following the escape of the excommunicated Earls from condemnation. Her desire for him [Bowes] to remain in Scotland. His object in wishing to be recalled. Movements of Huntly, Angus, and Erroll. Assembly of their forces. Lennox out of favour. Meeting of the Commissioners of the Kirk. The Earls and their friends expected at Perth on the day limited. Toleration in religion desired by the papist Earls and their confederates. *Incloses*,

46. i. *Certain petitions and conclusions considered upon by the Commissioners for the Kirk, Barons, and Burghers of Edinburgh, in respect to the proposed trial of the excommunicated Lords by the Assize.* October 17.

Oct. 20. Edinburgh. 47. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Result of the Commissioners' audience of the King in respect to the proposed trial of Huntly and the rest. Quarrel between Lord Home and the King. Offers to be made to the King by the papists for toleration in religion. Scotchmen arrived from Rome. Daily warning and threatenings. *Incloses*,

47. i. *Answers given by the King, to the heads proposed to him by the Commissioners directed to his Majesty by the Assembly of the Kirk, in respect to the excommunicated Earls, &c.* October.

Oct. 22. Edinburgh. 48. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. A report of the King's being gone to meet the excommunicated Earls; doubts about its truth. Advice requested in case the King should party with them. Their excommunication confirmed in all the pulpits. Spanish gold intercepted.

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Oct. 22. 49. Earl of Angus to Mr. Archibald Douglas. Thanks for his pains in endeavouring to remove the Queen's displeasure from him and his associates. They have written a letter of thanks to her, and hope that she will deal more effectually in their causes than she has hitherto done.

Oct. 23. 50. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The information he sent yester-night respecting the King's passing over the water to meet the excommunicated Earl was incorrect.

Oct. 26. 51. Archibald Douglas to Sir John Fortescue. Liberty of con-science to be proposed in the Scottish Parliament. The project first thought of by the Bishop of Ross. Difficulty of getting it opposed. Bothwell the fittest to be employed.

Oct. 27. 52. Act or proclamation by the King of Scotland, expressing his intentions in respect to the Earls of Huntly, Angus, and Errol, and their suit to be tried.

Oct. 29. 53. Minutes of the petitions to be proposed in the name of the Convention of the Ministry, Barons, and Boroughs convenit at Edinburgh, the 29th of October 1593, to his Maj^{tie}, and Convention of the Estates holden at Linlithgow, in respect to the Earls of Huntly, Angus, and Erroll and their desired trial.

Oct. 29. 54. Archibald Douglas to Sir John Fortescue. Letters from Scotland. Fitness of the time for the Queen of England to draw the assurance of the whole kinglom to her. Begs that he may have her Majesty's advice what to do to forward her service in Scotland.

Oct. 29. 55. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Credits Mr. Bowes, who is instructed to communicate some important matters to him. Let his answer either continue or break their friendship. Words without effects will not deceive her.

Oct. 29. 56. Lord Burghley to Mr. Bowes. Instructions to communicate with the King of Scots. The Queen's hope that he will take some other course for the quiet of his realm than his present Councillors would persuade him to. Those who seek to change the religion are evidently practising with Spain. Her Majesty doubts of the King's sound proceedings towards her. The non-punishment of his rebels. Instructions to deal with Bothwell and the Chancellor. [Vol. iii., p. 1].

Nov. 1. 56. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Petitions to the Parliament from Edinburgh. Lindsay and others. A Convention appointed to take order in the affairs of Angus, Erroll, and Huntly. The King disclaims any favour shown to the papists. Forwardness of Lord Hamilton against them. A search for Bothwell. The great outrage in Tynedale. A proclamation in favour of Huntly and his party.

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57. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The outrage in Tynedale. Letter from the Queen. Audience of the King not granted. A ship going to Flanders. A meeting of Barons and others opposed to the excommunicated Earls and other papists. Their preparations to accuse the Earls. The King much offended. The proclamation in favour of the Earls. *Incloses,*

57. i. *Proclamation by the King of Scotland, in respect to the Earls of Huntly, Angus, Erroll, and others; appointing persons to inquire into the accusations against them, and charging all his subjects not to invade or trouble the said Earls and others, during the time of the said trial.*

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58. Mr. Bowes to Sir John Forster. The outrage committed by Elliott, Armstrong, and others. Redress demanded of the King. Orders received from the Council on the subject.

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59. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's frequent excuses for not giving him audience. Ambassadors to be sent to the Queen in behalf of the papist Earls, and to accuse him [Bowes] of neglecting their interests. Proclamation respecting the Convention. *Incloses,*

59. i. *Proclamation forbidding all persons to repair to Edinburgh during the Convention except such as are appointed and specially written for.* *Holyrood, November 7.*

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Sir John Fortescue to [Mr. Archibald Douglas]. In answer to the letter which the Queen had received from the Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll; conveying her Majesty's reply to the several points, and declining to intercede in their behalf. [Vol. lii., p. 4.]

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60. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's excuses for not giving him audience before. Delivery of his instructions from her Majesty; the King's round answer to them. Remonstrance in respect to his slender behaviour towards the rebellious Earls, and in regard to the neglect of punishment of those concerned in the late outrageous raid in Tynedale. The King's excuses. His weakness against the power of Bothwell and the other Earls. Devices suspected to bring about a toleration in religion. The King's feeling in the matter. Movements of Bothwell. Return of the Chancellor to Court. Alteration in him. The Queen of Scots opposed to the new Councillors. The Duke of Lennox retired from Court. The approaching Convention. Movements of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll.

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61. Laird of Johnston to the Earl of Bothwell. Promises upon his faith, honour, and truth to support whatsoever he shall promise to the Queen of England concerning the forth-setting of religion, the surety of the King, and the preservation of the amity with England.

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62. The names of those that are to be of the Convention at Edinburgh, on the 12th of this instant November, 1593.

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Nov. 17. 64. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley, The late attemptate in Tynedale. The nobles appointed for the Convention not come. Motions made in respect to Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Report of practices between them and the King of Spain. Meeting of the Commissioners for the Church. Requests to be made by them in respect to the papists and the rebel Earls. Angus, Huntly, and Erroll in Edinburgh. The Chancellor solicited to favour them. Robert Bruce arrived from Flanders with money. Bond between the Chancellor and Lord Home.

Nov. 17. 65. Answer by the Council of Scotland to the proposition made by Mr. Bowes anent the redress of the attemptate at Tynedale.

Nov. 23. Edinburgh. 66. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Return of Lennox and Mar to the Court. Montrose refuses to come. Approaching meeting of the Convention. The Chancellor to be reconciled to Lennox and Mar. Bothwell to be proceeded against. John Colville to haste to him [Burghley] with matters of importance. Proceedings to be taken with Huntly, Angus, and Erroll; their offers to her Majesty, and her Majesty's answers to them complained of. His [Bowes'] explanations. Ill words spoken against the Queen of Scots.

Nov. 23. 67. Christopher Shepison. Petition to Lord Burghley in behalf of his master [Mr. Bowes], that he may be relieved of his weakness and want, by her Majesty's bounty.

Nov. 24. Bayonne. Anonymous letter communicating intelligence of the receipt of some advices at the Court of Spain, and of a conversation with Colonel Sempill, by which the writer suspects that there is a new plot laying by some evil persons of England and Scotland. [With No. 70.]

Nov. 30. Edinburgh. 68. Mr. Bowes to [Lord Burghley]. Order taken in respect to the late outrage in Tynedale. Order taken with the Northern Earls without asking her Majesty's advice. The King's promises. The Earls supposed to have been there secretly. Persons present at the Convention. Requests made by the ministry for the execution of the laws against the papists, and for the punishment of Angus and the other Earls. Result. An Act of oblivion for them. Protestations of the ministry against it. The King discharged of his promises to Bothwell. His severity against him. Weakness of Dumbarton Castle. *Incloses,*

68. 1. *Act of the King in Convention, forbidding the exercise of any but God's true religion; and ordaining that certain charges against the Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll shall be abolished and remain in oblivion. November 26.*

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Dec. 4. 70. James Craig to his brother Thomas Craig, at Edinburgh. Preparation of a naval army in Spain. Its probable destination. Letters out of Scotland. The fleet said to be bound thither.

Dec. 7. 71. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. A letter from the King of Scotland to her Majesty. Certain things omitted in it which had passed between him and Bowes. The King and Queen have entered into a very loving band, and the King hath given the Queen the greater part of his jewels. Sir George and Lord Home are likely to leave the Court. The Chancellor's efforts to stay the King from meeting the Northern Earls. Huntly has given up with Atholl. Lennox is resolved to retire from the Court.

Dec. 9. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Instructs him to request the King of Scots to restrain his subjects from going into Ireland to the relief of Macguire, O'Donnell, and their adherents, as her Majesty is unwilling to send more forces against so beggarly a rabble of traitors. [Vol. iii., p. 7.]

Dec. 20. Queen Elizabeth's instructions for the Lord Zouche, sent to the King of Scots in Ambassage, in respect to matters of the Church, the rebel Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll, and other matters. [Vol. iii., p. 8.]

Dec. 20. Queen Elizabeth's instructions for the Lord Zouche, to treat with certain Lords and others in Scotland, in respect to any proposition which may be made to alter the religion. [Vol. iii., p. 16.]

Dec. 20. 72. A memorial to instruct the Lord Zouche of the manner of her Majesty's proceedings with the King of Scotland, her wishes and intentions towards him, her advice to the King respecting religion, the proceedings against the Earls Huntly, Angus, and Erroll, Bothwell, &c.

Dec. 20. 73. A copy of the private information for the Lord Zouch, concerning the cause of his Ambassage to Scotland.

Dec. 21. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scots. Conveys, by Lord Zouche, the assurance of her highest esteem, and thanks her for her constant desire to preserve the amity between the two realms, the interruption of which their common adversaries are seeking to accomplish. Wishes her joy of her present condition. [Vol. iii., p. 18.]

Dec. 22. 74. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's jealousies against him [Bowes]. Begs to be revoked. A petition from the Northern Earls. Substance of their requests. A Commission of Lieutenant sent to Huntly. The Queen to remove to Stirling. A Convention of the Estates and an Assembly of the Church appointed for the 11th January. Fight between Bothwell and Sir Robert Carr. Words spoken by the Chancellor in favour of Bothwell. The King's anger; his exclamations against the ministers.

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Dec. 22. 75. Queen Elizabeth to King James. She rues her sight to see him so evident a spectacle of a seduced King, abusing counsel and guiding awry his kingdom ; and, if he continues to tread the same path, she shall pray for him but leave him to his humour. Doubts whether shame or sorrow had the upper hand when she read his letter, that he should so slack the time as to let those escape against whom he had such evident proof. Lord ! what wonder grew in her that he should correct them with benefits ; and could he please them more than save their lives and banish them to those they love ! She more than smiled to read their childish, foolish, witless excuses, turning their Treason's Bills to artificers' reckonings, one billet lacking only, Item, so much for the cord they best merited. Can he swallow so bitter a drug ? She never heard a more deriding scorn, and, if she were him, they should learn a short lesson. She wonders much he has no law to touch them, but prays him for his own sake to play the King, and let his subjects see that he respects himself ; and that he may know her opinion and advice she has sent this nobleman [Lord Zouche] to him, whom she knows to be wise, religious, and honest, and to whom she prays he will give full credit.

Dec. 23. 76. King James to Lord John Hamilton. Desires him to attend the Convention to be held on the 11th of January, the Queen being with child, and that, and other weighty affairs, requiring more than ordinary deliberation.

Dec. 26. 77. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen's intention to send a nobleman in embassy there. The King's anxiety to have an answer from her Majesty, that he may proceed the more effectually with the Northern Earls. The outrage in Tynedale. Sir George Home cited before the ministers ; he denies having spoken with the excommunicated Earls. Remonstrance made to the King by the ministry. Removal of the Court to Stirling. Bothwell still feared. Argyll's letter to the Earl of Mar in respect to the favour shown to Huntly ; he threatens to join Bothwell against Huntly.

Dec. 28. 78. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Safe conduct for Lord Zouche. Departure of the Court to Stirling. Alteration in the course intended against the Northern Earls ; threats against them ; their possessions conveyed to their children ; their vaunting of their hopes from England. An inroad into Lochaber by Mackintosh and Maclean. Reconciliation expected between Bothwell and Home. Spynie to be put to the horn.

Dec. 30. 79. Copy of part of a letter [from Lord Burghley] to Mr. Bowes, in commendation of the Chancellor of Scotland, and containing advice to be given to him as to his conduct in reference to the state of religion in Scotland, and other important matters there, "to be imparted to the Chancellor if he [Bowes] shall see cause."

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1593. 83. Genealogical memoranda of the Hamilton family; list of the public officers and Ministers of State in Scotland; pedigrees of the Lennox and other families; also in the autograph of Lord Burghley.

[?] 84. Memoranda of the alliances of the families of Angus, Hamilton, Mar, and Glamis, with genealogical memoranda, by Lord Burghley.

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1594. 1. Mr. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The alteration in the course intended against the excommunicated Earls which has been wrought by the expected coming of Lord Zouch. Probability of Huntly and Angus subscribing the articles of religion. Mr. John Nisbet to be sent to Mr. Archibald Douglas to travail in favour of these Earls. *Incloses,*

1. i. *Proclamation by the King of Scotland against the Earls of Angus, Huntly, Erroll, and others, for not conforming to certain conditions offered to them, and declaring that they shall now be accusable for the causes and crimes alleged against them, as if the late Act of abolition in their favour had never been granted.* *January.*

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Jan. 4. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Expresses her thanks for his care in prohibiting the resort of any of his subjects to her rebels in Ireland, and states her dissatisfaction at the result of Sir Robert Carey's mission. Bothwell has not been harboured with her permission, and his receivers have been punished. Defends Mr. Bowes; and Lord Zouche can be a witness of any charges that may be brought against him. [Vol. lii., p. 19.]

Jan. 4.

2. Advices of Scotch matters from Mr. John Carey:—Practices of Scotchmen in Spain; letters from the Court of England to English papists in Calais; letters respecting the coming of Spanish ships to Scotland; one Rutherford their principal pilot; Lord Hamilton not to have Maxwell's place of Lieutenant-General; a commission given to Huntly by the King against Athol; Macintosh's hostilities against Huntly.

Jan. 8.
Edinburgh.

3. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Arrival of Lord Zouche. Abolition of the Act of oblivion for the Northern Earls. Other Acts respecting the punishment of papists, and for the authorizing of new coin. The Act respecting the Earls not proclaimed yet. Lennox to have Dumbarton Castle. Provisions made against the coming of the Spaniards.

Jan. 15.
Edinburgh.

4. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King has revoked his subjects from the Low Countries. The King's jealousies against him [Bowes]; his distressed situation. Sickness of the Chancellor; he and Glamis reconciled. The Act respecting the Earls not yet proclaimed. Different parties in the Court. The Kirk. Submissions of Angus and Huntly. Erroll stands out.

Jan. 15.
Edinburgh.

5. Edward Lord Zouche to [Lord Burghley]. Audience of the King. Delivery of his letters. Her Majesty's dislike of the King's remissness to the rebels. The King's excuses. Good services of Mr. Bowes. An interview with the Master of Gray. Great protestations of service to her Majesty. Prays God to send him out of that country, and begs to be recalled, as he sees nothing to trust on one side or the other.

Jan. 16.

6. The Kirk's Articles presented to the King:—Praying that punishment may be done upon the papists, as well those that are already in hand, and such others as are touched by their letters, as well as all others in the country; and that they may be discharged from all public offices.

Jan. 17.

7. A list of Councillors "newly established by the King of Scots," with remarks by Lord Burghley.

Jan. 18.
Hampton Court.

Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Henry Lok. In answer to some offers which he [Lok] had made to the Queen from some party in Scotland, having a design to remove certain persons from about the King, informing him of her Majesty's disinclination to be an inciter of such proceedings, but authorizing him to assure them of her protection afterwards if they should need it. [Vol. lii., p. 23.]

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Jan. 20.
Edinburgh.

8. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's wrath against him [Bowes] daily increases. A conference with the Chancellor; advice given to him as to the King's inclination to any change in religion; the Chancellor's answers; his promise to divert the King from such purposes. Good hope from the new Council. Revocation of the Act of oblivion for the Earls.

Jan. 23. Sir Robert Cecil to Lord Zouche. Informs him of her Majesty's *Hampton Court*, wishes in sending him to Scotland; desires him to prevent the introduction of foreign power into the kingdom, to remonstrate with the King on his carelessness, to learn what power there is to resist the intended purposes, and to assure those who have joined in the offer to her, that she remaineth ready to help them, and assist them against all the adversaries of God's cause, even if the King should still favour the other party. [Vol. lii., p. 25.]

Jan. 25. Sir Robert Cecil to Lord Zouche. The Queen's perplexity at *Hampton Court*, the wonderfully uncertain course held by the King of Scotland. Her anxiety to preserve the amity between them. She sees no ground to alter her former letter, only she wishes him to inform him how far the Duke of Lennox is to be trusted, and to be very wary with him; and to assure his party of her assistance ultimately when they have taken their first course, but with which first course she desires not to be acquainted. [Vol. lii., p. 30.]

Jan. 26. Edinburgh.

9. Edward Lord Zouche to [Lord Burghley]. The Act of oblivion in favour of the Earls to be set aside. The King's promises to satisfy her Majesty in respect to them; his promise to write. Frequent delays and excuses. Short leave taking. His own great anxiety to be recalled. Bowes unjustly complained of. The Chancellor is said to work underhand for the Earls.

[Jan.] 10. Notes for the Lord Zouche his memorie;—Of certaine hedges given by King James in answer to the proposition made by him, as Ambassador from his dearest sister the Queen of England [in respect to the abolition of the Act of oblivion made for the Northern Earls], and promising to prosecute them with all vigour.

Jan. 27. Edinburgh.

11. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Sir James Chisholm to be sent to Spain in behalf of the Catholics. Angus, Huntly, and Erroll to submit to the King. Their friends at Court. The great comfort they are in. The King's intention to ride against Bothwell.

Jan. 31. Edinburgh.

12. William Mylburne to Mr. William Craven. In respect to a bill of exchange sent for the Lord Zouche, who will not take the proceeds except in English money, which it is impossible to procure there.

Feb. 1. Hampton Court.

Sir Robert Cecil to Lord Zouche. The King of Scots' promises; his excuses. Her Majesty's experience of his faith. The King's inward favour to the Spanish "instruments." Her Majesty's intention to assist him, if such assistance will be employed for the use for which it is meant. The King's delay in proceeding against the rebels. Her Majesty's desire that they should be safely warded at once in proof of his sincerity. [Vol. lii., p. 31.]

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Feb. 2. 13. A note of monies paid to Roger Aston, John Colville, James Hudson, and others, for the use of the King of Scotland.

Feb. 5. 14. Earl of Erroll to [Mr. Bowes]. He does him great wrong in conceiving ill of his doings. The loss of the abolition proceeded from their inability to find the required sureties; nevertheless, they hope to satisfy his Majesty.

Feb. 11. 15. Alexander Duff to Mr. Bowes. His master [the Earl of Huntly] will not satisfy the desires of the Kirk. The truce is up betwixt him and Mackintosh. Two hundred of the Clan Chattan are lying about Ruthven Castle.

Feb. 11. 16. Earl of Erroll to Mr. Bowes. Informs him of the apprehension of certain persons in the ship of David Hay, who transported Mr. James Gordon. Begs that they may be used only according to law, as nothing can be imputed against them.

Feb. 13. Queen Elizabeth to Lord Zouche. Her disallowance of his proceedings in promising to lend money to certain parties in Scotland on pawns. Refuses to send any money to the person who is used in this cause. Is surprised that Mr. Bowes does not perceive her scope, and doth not let them understand how dishonourable it would be for her to be the beginner of any such action. [Vol. iii., p. 36.]

Feb. 21. 17. Act of the King and Council of Scotland, constituting and appointing John Earl of Mar to be keeper and governor of the Prince his Majesty's dearest son.

Feb. 18. "A Pasquil of Scotland." Satirical verses in Latin; the speakers being the King, Lennox, Angus, Huntly, Erroll, Bothwell, and many others.

March 4. Sir Robert Cecil to Lord Zouche. Instructs him to remonstrate with the King on his insincere dealing towards her Majesty; to advise him as to the expedience of his countenancing the good party in Scotland against the other, and to inform him that if that party be not suppressed, the Queen will be constrained to assist the others, being professors of the religion, against them. [Vol. iii., p. 39.]

March 4. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Lok. The Queen's anxiety not to be suspected as the author of any action dangerous to the King of Scots. He [Lok] is not of so small judgment as to carry any paper about him. The Assembly intended on the 15th, and their projected proclamation, tending only to the suppression of the Popish partizans with Spain, was within the scope of their propositions; but the proposal to follow the King into the castle at Stirling, and to besiege the castle, makes her Majesty a little careful to prevent so dishonourable and so unjustifiable a course, mean they ever so dutifully. Therefore he is to persuade those parties to beware of any such violation of their duties, and to employ themselves against the Earls, who, under colour of duty to the King, project his ruin and the ruin of the cause of God. [Vol. iii., p. 42.]

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March 5. Edinburgh. 19. Mr. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Wisdom and courage of Lord Zouche. His own [Bowes'] miserable condition. Sends his servant Sheperson, and begs relief by him.

March 5. 20. Advertisements of occurrents in Scotland:—The Earls commanded to ward; their refusal and approaching trial; the Council move the King to take order with Bothwell; affairs of Sir George Home, David Hay, and others.

March 9. 21. Proclamation by the King and Council of Scotland against those that assisted the Earl of Bothwell in his three several "rodes."

March 12. Hampton Court. Sir Robert Cecil to Lord Zouche. His zeal has caused him to exceed his authority. The Queen's anxiety that no dishonour should be offered to the King's person. The comfort he was to give to the party of the religion. The promise which he has made to lend some money; the Queen's refusal to lend it. Directions for his future conduct. The King's promise to pursue the Earls. [Vol. lii., p., 46.]

March 20. Hampton Court. Queen Elizabeth to Lord Zouche. The King's promises in regard to the three Earls. The resolution to proclaim them traitors. A report brought to the King of an intended surprise upon his person by the Earl of Bothwell, with her Majesty's assistance; remonstrance to be made to the King thereupon. [Vol. lii., p., 52.]

March 20. Hampton Court. Sir Robert Cecil to Lord Zouche. Instructs him to make answer to certain offers which had been made by Colonel Stewart, on behalf of the Chancellor, in respect to the Earls of Huntly, Erroll, Angus, and Bothwell, and urges him to incite the King to fulfil his promise of prosecuting them. [Vol. lii., p. 57.]

March 20. Hampton Court. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Lok. Difficulty of proceeding in a certain matter without assailing the King's person. The report of Bothwell's intended surprise upon the King, with the assistance of her Majesty. Atholl, Argyll, and others will never join in so desperate an attempt as that he speaks of. Urges him to look well to himself and his papers. [Vol. lii., p., 60.]

March 26. Whitehall. Sir Robert Cecil to Lord Zouche. The report of the Queen's intention to assist Bothwell against the King of Scots. The King's wish for her help against the Earls; the Queen's answer. Audience to be again had of the King, and his resolution to be obtained respecting the punishment of these Earls and other popish traitors. [Vol. lii., p. 62.]

March 27. Edinburgh. 22. King James' Commission to Lord Home, Sir Walter Scott, and Sir Robert Ker, for the prevention and suppression of the treasonable practices of the Earl of Bothwell and his abettors.

March 29. Edinburgh. 23. The King's propositions or declaration to the ministers of Edinburgh of his intention in respect to the prosecution of the Earl of Bothwell and others; with the Presbytery's answers to the same.

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April 2. *Berwick.* 24. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecill. Return of Bothwell and his followers to the Scottish Borders. Proclamations made by Lord Home against him. A challenge from Bothwell to Home. Nobles assisting the King.

April 5. *Berwick.* 25. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecill. The “enterprisers” [Bothwell and his party] arrive at Leith and repair the fortifications. March of the King against them; skirmishes; battle; flight of Lord Home. Bothwell sends a challenge to him. Doubts of Bothwell’s party.

April 6. *Berwick.* 26. Lord Zouche to Lord Burghley. Suspends a report of his proceedings till his arrival at London. Came from Edinburgh to-day, and hopes to see him by Saturday at farthest.

April 6. *Edinburgh.* 27. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Return of Lord Zouche. Begs to be revoked himself.

April 6. 28. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Courage of Bothwell and Ochiltree in the last journey. Hopes the work will be effectuated in a few days.

April 9. *Berwick.* 29. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecill. Denies authorising the present course, and intends hastening after Lord Zouche; in the mean time will neither leave the enterprises encouraged or disengaged, and will speak only with Bothwell and Ochiltree to inform them of his journey.

April 13. *Edinburgh.* 30. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. His future advertisements to be addressed to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs to be speedily revoked.

April 13. *Edinburgh.* 31. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Sudden departure of the King to the house of Sir Robert Melvill. The King’s hope of surprising some of Bothwell’s followers in Fife. Proclamation against Huntly, Angus, Erroll, and their party. Ambassadors to go to England. Overtures from Mar to Bothwell to retire abroad.
Incloses,

31. I. *Proclamation made at Edinburgh for the levying of forces for the King’s expedition to the North, for the repression of the treasonable conspiracies devised against God’s true religion, and against his Majesty’s person and estate.*

April 9.

April ? 32. Copy of the obligation or promise made by the Earl of Bothwell to depart out of the realm of Scotland within a certain number of days, on condition of receiving the King’s pardon for himself and his followers.

April 15. *Burntisland.* 33. Sir Robert Melvill to Lord Burghley. Excuses for not answering his letters before. Sorry for the jealousies that have fallen forth between their Sovereigns, but assures him of the King’s affection towards her Majesty.

April 15. *Burntisland.* 34. Sir Robert Melvill to Queen Elizabeth. Informs her of the sincere affection of the King towards her, and of his regret at the jealousies that have arisen between them.

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[April] 35. King James' instructions to James Colvill of Ester Wenyss and Edward Bruce, directed to the Queen's Majesty of England, to request her to assist at the baptism of the young Prince, and to complain of the countenance given to the Earl of Bothwell and his party.

April 16. Edinburgh. 36. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Recommends Colvill and Bruce, the Ambassadors to her Majesty, to his Lordship's favourable courtesies and entertainment.

April 20. Greenwich. 37. Answer appointed by the Queen of England to be made to a writing subscribed and written by the Secretary of Scotland at the command of the King; approving his promises of prosecuting the papist Earls, and promising to assist him against Bothwell.

[April 20.] 38. Another draft of the same.

April 20. Copy of the same. [Vol. lii., p. 68.]

April 20. Greenwich. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's answer to the writing made by the Scottish Secretary at the command of the King. He [Bowes] is to inform the King that, if Bothwell shall begin any attempt while the King is in action against the Earls, they shall be pursued by her own subjects. [Vol. lii., p. 68.]

April 20. Greenwich. Lord Burghley to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's answer to the Articles brought by Lord Zouche. The King of Scots to be encouraged with hope of aid from her Majesty when she sees his prosecution of the rebel Earls, and to be promised that she will not aid the Earl of Bothwell. [Vol. lii., p. 73.]

April 20. 39. Draft of the same.

April 20. 40. Another draft.

April 21. Edinburgh. 41. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. The Queen offended that her money is taken by the King to pay the new Guard. A Convention on the 26th. The King's intended raid against the rebellious Earls. Angus and Erroll expected to yield to ward. Little care of the matter taken by Huntly. An enterprise intended by Bothwell against them. No money to come from Spain till the King of Scots embarks plainly against her Majesty. Little good to be done by him [Bowes] in Scotland. John Ross, a preacher, apprehended for reproving the King for his favour to the traitorous Earls and papists.

April 24. Edinburgh. 42. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Reported intention of the King to defer his raid against the Earls. Probability of Argyll's partying against Huntly. The Parliament adjourned. Reported design upon the lives of her Majesty, the King of Scots, and others.

April 29. Montrose. 43. — to Mr. Bowes. Informs him of the arrival of a vessel, and the landing of three persons, supposed to have brought money from Spain for relief of the papist Earls.

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April 29. 44. "Proclamation for the new warning of the King's army to Edinburgh. proceed against the papist Lords."

April 30. 45. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen's answer to the articles sent to her from the King of Scots. The papist Earls to be first forfeited and then pursued. The King's raid to be delayed. Interviews with the King. The King's request for her Majesty to restrain the Earl of Bothwell. Parliament appointed for the 27th of May. Prosecution of Atholl by the King. Huntly's raid against Mackintosh. The King's severity against the friends and servants of Bothwell. Arrival of gold from Spain. *Incloses,*

45. I. *Answer appointed by the Queen to be made to a writing, subscribed by the Secretary of Scotland at the command of the King, approving his intention of prosecuting the papist Earls, and promising to assist him against Bothwell.* April 27.

45. II. *Copy of the same, as submitted to the King, the clause about the assistance to be given against Bothwell being omitted.* April 27.

April. 46. Earls of Bothwell and Atholl, Lord Ochiltree, Earls of Gowry, and Murray, and others to the Reverend Pastors of the Kirk presently convened at Dunbar. Inform them that they have put themselves in arms against those who are endeavouring to bring the Spaniards into the country, and request their presence to take record of their proceedings.

May 1. 47. King James to the Laird of Easter Wemyss, his Ambassador Edinburgh. Requests him to obtain redress for a robbery of horses committed by two Englishmen.

May 10. 48. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Particulars of the proceedings Edinburgh. of the persons supposed to have brought money from Spain for the Earls. Angus and Errol expected to enter into ward. Hostilities between Huntly and Argyll.

May 11. 49. Anonymous [John Colville] to Henry Lok. Cause of the King's not going against the papists. The King denies having written any opinion concerning the incoming of Spaniards. The Earls to enter into ward. Bothwell will keep quiet as long as it pleases the Queen. Arrival of gold. Instruction for the safe delivery of his letters.

May 15. 50. Petition of the Kirk to be humble cravit of his Ma^{te} and Estates of this present Conventioun for purging the land of Idolat^{rs} and establisching trew Religioun.

May. 51. Articles stated by the Catholic clergy of Scotland; to be answered by the ministers of the Reformed Kirk.

May 16. 52. Mr. Edward Bruce to Lord Burghley. Begs his intercession with the Queen for the sending of some relief of money to the King of Scotland.

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May 17.

53. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes, upon the departure of the Laird of Wemyss and Mr. Bruce, the King of Scotland's Ambassadors. Informs him of the dispatch of the Scottish Ambassadors from the Court, and recapitulates particulars of the delivery of their instructions, their interview with the Council, the King of Scotland's behaviour towards the Papist Earls, the aid of money required for the King, and Lord Burghley's answer to the same.

May 17.
Greenwich.

A copy of the preceding letter. [Vol. lii., p. 75.]

May 17.

54. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. Informs him that the Queen, although she denied any compliance with the request preferred by the Ambassadors, has altered her mind in regard to sending some money to the King of Scots, and is content to send some upon the assurance of the King's intention to proceed with soundness and integrity; but that the King is to know that this favour proceeds not from his Ambassador's message, nor the sharp style of his letter.

May 17.

Copy of the same letter. [Vol. lii., p. 80.]

May.

55. Instructions from the King of Scots to James Colvill of Easter Wemyss, directed to the King of France:—To inform him of the birth of a Prince, and to invite him to assist at the baptism.

May 18.
Edinburgh.

56. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Particulars of the vessel supposed to have brought money from Spain, and of the persons who conveyed it. A special messenger come to understand the resolute minds of the Earls and their parties. The Earls resolved to take part together and not to enter into ward. General Assembly of the Kirk; its proceedings. Lord Hamilton summoned to the Parliament; he declines to come. The proceedings against John Ross for reproving the King in his sermon [Jeremiah vi., 28.] The murder of the Laird of Calder. Flight of Anderson, a preacher, into the North. Robbery of the Queen's jewels. *Incloses,*

56. I. *Instructions for Sir Robert Melville and Alexander Home, of North Berwick, the King's Commissioners, to propose certain articles to the General Assembly of the Kirk on behalf of the King of Scotland.* May 8.

56. II. *A statement of the dangers, which, through the impunity of excommunicate papists and others, are imminent to the true religion, and to his Majesty's person and Crown; with the proposed remedies for the same, and the King's answers to these remedies.* May 11.

56. III. *Conditions proposed to Alexander Lord Home by the General Assembly of the Kirk convened at Edinburgh, and craved to be performed of him, to testify his true and unfeigned repentance and conversion to the true religion.* May 10.

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May 18. Edinburgh. 57. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Robbery of the Queen of Scots' jewels. Begs that some consideration may be had of his distressed condition. *Incloses,*

57. i. *King James to Mr. Bowes. Begs him to procure the sending into Scotland of two "lymmers deuces" who had stolen some jewels of the Queen's and fled into England. [Copy.]* Stirling, May 17.

May 23. Edinburgh. 58. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Very few at the Convention. The papist Earls to be forfeited and prosecuted with effect, a matter which is heartily wished yet much doubted. The Queen purposes to advise the King and to expedite the Reformation, which is wished and requisite. Lord Hamilton will come to the Parliament at the King's earnest request. Thomas Tyrie is going abroad. Quarrel between Argyll and Lennox. [Dated 1593 by mistake.]

May 24. From the Court. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. The men who stole the Queen's jewels shall be sent up to Mr. John Carey, so that the King may perceive whether her Majesty doth not proceed with him like one that meaneth to preserve all points of honour. [Vol. lii., p. 81.]

May 27. Durham. 59. Edward Bruce to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs him to expedite the delivery up of two persons, a goldsmith and a lacquey, who had stolen the Queen's jewels. [Dated 1584 by mistake.]

May 29. 60. James Hudson to Mr. Henry Lok. Jealousy conceived against him by the Ambassador. Hopes he has communicated to Sir Robert Cecil what he told him concerning the Master of Glamis.

May 30. Edinburgh. 61. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Opening of the Parliament. Audience of the King. Money promised him by her Majesty. His intention to prosecute the papist Earls. The Queen's orders against the reception of Bothwell. Border matters. The promised forfeiture of Bothwell, Angus, Huntly, and others. *Incloses,*

61. i. *A list of Nobles and others present at the Parliament of Scotland.*

61. ii. *A list of Nobles and others summoned to attend the said Parliament.*

May 30. Edinburgh. 62. Roger Aston to James Hudson. Return of Mr. Edward Bruce from England; his report to the King. The King displeased with the Lord Chamberlain [of England] and with the Lord Zouche. The King continues very angry against himself [Hudson]. Fears their great enemy has been an informer. Commencement of the Parliament. The forfeitures. An act of the Kirk against Bothwell. Mr. David Foulis to be dispatched to England. Money matters. Spanish gold. Names of the Lords of the Articles.

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June 7.
Edinburgh.

63. Sir Robert Melvill to Lord Burghley. The King's disposition and behaviour towards the papist Earls, and his affection to her Majesty. Begs him to entreat her Majesty to advance the King his whole annuity and all arrears by the bearer.

June 9.
Edinburgh.

64. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The thieves who stole the Queen's jewels. Bothwell seizes the jewels, intending thereby to make his peace with the King. The King's need of the money promised by her Majesty. Explanation of a part of the King's letter to her Majesty, quoting Virgil, at which she was displeased. Reported return to Scotland of the Bishop of Ross. A ship prepared by the rebel Earls; their forfeiture by the Parliament. Begs earnestly to be recalled.

June 20.
Edinburgh.

65. Robert Bowes to [Lord Burghley]. The Countess of Huntly's attempts to see the King. The baptism of the Prince deferred. Bothwell entreated to join with Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Dumbarton Castle to be taken out of the hands of Lord Hamilton. Huntly's preparations to resist Argyll. Soldiers raised in Scotland for the Emperor.

June 24.
London.

66. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Expresses his surprise at the non-payment of the money for the King of Scots.

[June.]

67. A short note of the Acts passed in this present Parliament of Scotland.

[June.]

68. The form of the summons of treason against the Earls of Angus, Huntly, Erroll, and others.

June 30.

Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. Directions for his communication with Bothwell. Four thousand pounds delivered to Mr. Foulis for the King. The Queen will send no money for Lord Hamilton. He [Bowes] is to be recalled, and some one is to go with the Embassy to the baptism, to abide in Scotland in his place. [Vol. lii., p. 81.]

June.

69. Queen Elizabeth to King James. He has so well repaired the hard lines of his menacing speech that she likes the gloss better than the text, and it graceth him better and best fitteth their amities. Thanks him for his promise of firm and constant friendship until she causes the breach thereof, but no act of hers shall deserve so foul an imputation. It gladdeth her much that he has falsified the forepast reports which his forepast deeds had bred for him, for the tongues of men are bridled by Kings' goodness and not by their greatness, and their works must, therefore, be such as may praise their Maker and grace themselves.

July 3.
From Court.

70. Henry Lok to [Mr. John Colville]. The Queen's good acceptance of his service. Her hope that N. [Bothwell] will not factiously join with the King's proclaimed rebels.

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July 6. 71. Mr Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Thanks for procuring his recall. Approaching baptism of the Prince. Border causes. The money promised to the King. The Queen's favour to the Countess of Huntly. Proceedings of the rebel Earls. Attempted apprehension of Bothwell and others. Attempt to reconcile Bothwell and Huntly. Drinking between Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Petition of the Countess of Huntly to the King and Council.

July 6. 72. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. The King wishes the Earl of Cumberland to be there on the last of July, the baptism taking place at Stirling on the 11th of August.

July 6. 73. Mr. Bowes to the Privy Council. The King has promised to give order for redress to be made to Ralph Gray in his two bills for Myndrom.

July 13. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. Expresses her Majesty's disapprobation of the appointment of Lord Herries as Warden of the Borders, and that thereby she much doubts the King's good feeling towards her. [Vol. iii., p. 84.]

July 13. Sir Robert Cecill to Lord Scrope. Informs him of the Queen's discontent at the appointment of Lord Herries as Warden of the Borders. [Vol. iii., p. 85.]

July 14. 74. John Colville to Mr. Henry Lok. Thanks for forty pounds received from his honourable Mæcænas [Sir Robert Cecill]. N. [Bothwell] sent for him early this morning to Liddesdale. He [Bothwell] is in great poverty and very impatient. The efforts of some crafty persons to induce him to join with the papist Lords are only for his perdition.

July 14. 75. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Bothwell has not joined with the other party. Intercession for Bothwell. Lennox is pressed to resign Bothwell's possessions to the King. A practice for the surprise of Dumbarton.

July 14. 76. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Lord Hamilton appointed Warden of the West Marches. The Countess of Huntly commanded to leave Edinburgh. A vessel prepared for the Earls. They continue in great jollity. Huntly continues his buildings at Strathbogie. Arrival of foreign Ambassadors for the baptism of the Prince.

July 17. 77. [John Colville] to Henry Lok. Dealings with Bothwell to induce him to join with the Catholic Lords. A plan of Bothwell's to deal with the Chancellor. Another plan, to plant men in various houses for the surprise of the King. The King's poverty. The approaching baptism should be at Edinburgh instead of Stirling, as the great temple of Solomon which is building cannot be finished by the day appointed. Bothwell is advised to murder Sir George Home.

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July 19. 78. Earls of Angus, Huntly, and others, to the Bailies and others of Aberdeen. Desire them to set at liberty three gentlemen strangers whom they have imprisoned, or they will instantly pursue them, their town, goods, and gear, with fire and with sword, and use all other hostilities against them in their power.

July 20. Edinburgh. 79. William Dondas, Baron Fingask, to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends him a present of some pictures for his gallery, as earnest of his good will.

July 21. Edinburgh. 80. Advices from Scotland:—The King sends to borrow money of the Catholic Lords. Argyll in arms with 4,000 men, at Lochaber. Landing of the Bishop of Ross at Aberdeen. Twelve galliasses expected. The magistrates and ministers crave to raise the King's subjects for his defence.

July 21. 81. John Colville to Henry Lok. Arrival of James Gordon at Aberdeen. Coffers brought with him. The Secretary is to go up to England for more money, upon large promises to go against the papists, but it will not be used for the purpose intended. The King's speeches against my Lord Treasurer and Sir Robert Cecill.

July 21. Edinburgh. 82. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Expected return of Mr. Gordon from Spain with money: measures taken to apprehend him; their failure. His arrival. Persuasions used with the King to proceed against the forfeited Earls. Lord Herries to be removed from his Wardenry. A general Muster to be made before the King's raid against the Earls. Arrival of a vessel at Aberdeen. An Englishman abroad suspected to be the Earl of Westmoreland. The Scottish Secretary to be sent to her Majesty for more money. Movements of Bothwell. Levy of forces by Huntly. The approaching baptism of the Prince. *Incloses,*

82. i. *The Presbytery of Angus and Mearns to the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Inform them of the danger in which the ministry stand in the North parts, through the desperate "plats" of the forfeited Lords, and beg that the King will appoint some well affected nobleman with power of Lieutenancy to repress them.* Brechin, July 17.

82. ii. *Henry IV. of France to King James. As soon as his affairs will permit he will send back the Laird of Wemyss, and with him a gentleman to assist at the baptism of the Prince. Fr.* Camp before Laon, July 11.

July 21. Edinburgh. 83. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. An audience of the King respecting the appointment of Lord Herries as a Warden of the Marches. The Queen's dissatisfaction at it. The King's intention to remove him.

July 23. Edinburgh. 84. Act of the Secret Council of Scotland, in respect to the arrival of some Jesuits within the realm, and their intention to subvert the true religion, calling upon the ministry to incite the Barons, gentlemen, and others to rise against them.

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July 23.
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85. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Attack upon Aberdeen by Huntly, Erroll, and others. Offers made by the Chancellor to raise men against them. The Secretary preparing for his journey to England. The ministers press the King to proceed against the rebels. A Spaniard with Huntly. *Incloses.*

85. i. *Earls of Angus, Huntly, and Gordon of Auchendown to the Provost and Bailies of Aberdeen. Desire them to liberate three prisoners, or threaten to attack the town.*

July 19.

July 24.
Edinburgh.

86. Advices from Scotland:—An attempt by the King to obtain money from some merchants. Expenses of the Danish Ambassadors. The King's poverty. Prisoners rescued by the Catholic Lords from Aberdeen. Lennox deadly sick.

July 26.
Edinbrgh.

87. Advices from Scotland:—Strength of the Catholic Lords. Want of a leader for the boroughs. Possibility of capturing the King and Prince. Stirling ab initio nequam.

July 26.

88. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. This letter to go no further than to her Majesty and Lord Burghley. Jealousy conceived of the Queen by the King; the Duke [Lennox] suspected. The tragical end of the King's parents. Prosecution of the papists. Backwardness of the King.

July 26.
Liddesdale.

89. Henry Stewart of Whitlaw to Mr. John Colville. My Lord particularly wished him to keep up his correspondence in England. There will be ill reports which he must oppose.

July 26.
Edinburgh.

90. King James to Lord Burghley. Begs him to procure the refunding, to James Lawson, of a certain sum of money which had been paid by him, as cautioner for Richard Bowes, Captain of Norham.

July 27.
Edinburgh.

91. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Recommends Sir Richard Cockburn, sent on a mission to her Majesty, to his favour and courtesy.

July 27.
Edinburgh.

92. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Commends Sir Richard Cockburn to his favour and courtesy.

July 27.
Greenwich.

Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's approval of Lord Hamilton to have the office of Warden of the West Marches. Her inclination about sending him a provision of money. Her intention not to deal with the King for Bothwell. [Vol. iii., p. 86.]

July 28.
Edinburgh.

93. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Preparations for the King's raid against Huntly. Commission of Lieutenancy given by the King to Argyll. Some English forces required. The Chancellor's zeal against the papist Earls. Huntly's entry into Aberdeen, and receipt of prisoners; suspicion of the Provost of that city. Gold fallen into some coffers at Court. Bothwell writes to Bowes. Suit to be made in favour of Bothwell. Border matters. Affairs of Ireland. *Incloses.*

93. i. *Proclamation by the King of Scotland, commanding his subjects to attend him on certain days specified for proceeding against his rebels.*

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93. II. *King James' commission appointing the Earl of Argyll and others to raise forces and proceed against sundry his declared traitors, and enemies to the true religion.*

Edinburgh, July 25.

93. III. *[Earl of Bothwell] to [Mr. Bowes.] Denies that he has concluded any conjunction with the papists. Shall remain free of faction during his exile as he has already done.*

July 26.

July 29.

94. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Henry Lok. Money brought by James Gordon. Strangers coming to assist the papist Lords. Argyll, Atholl, and others to be the King's Lieutenants. The approaching baptism. The Secretary's mission to England. The King's request for money; his insincerity; his intelligence with Huntly. Proceedings of Bothwell.

July 30.
Stirling.

95. King James to Lord Scrope. Requests him to set at liberty one Andrew Rome, detained within his jurisdiction.

July 30.
Edinburgh.

96. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. The baptism deferred till the 18th of August. Lord Hamilton's appointment as Warden of the West Borders in opposition to the Council. Assistance of his friends. Great offers made to the King from Spain, to give toleration to the Catholic Earls.

July 30.
Edinburgh.

97. Sir Robert Melvill to Lord Burghley. In commendation of my Lord Secretary [Sir Richard Cockburne] and his negotiation.

July 30.
Berwick.

98. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. A great offer made by the papist Lords to Bothwell; he wishes to accept it and betray them to her Majesty. Answer requested. The King's doubt about his child.

July 30.

99. John Colville to Mr. Henry Lok. The papist Lords busy with Bothwell. Their offer of money to him. Commissions directed to Argyll, Atholl, and others, to go presently upon Huntly with fire and sword. Sir Richard Cockburne's embassy to England. Money offered to the King by the three Earls.

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August.

1. Memorial of instructions for the Earl of Sussex being sent to Scotland to assist at the baptism of the King's son; and to treat respecting the Catholic Earls, the Earl of Bothwell, and other matters.

August.

Copy of the same. [Vol. lii., p. 88.]

August.

2. The names of gentlemen to attend the Earl of Sussex into Scotland.

[August.]

3. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Congratulations and good wishes on the baptism of the Prince. Begs him to take timely order with his lewd Lords and to bear with the youth of this nobleman, her Ambassador.

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August. 4. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Anne. Congratulations and good wishes on the baptism of her son. Fr.

August. Copy of the same. [Vol. lii., p. 87.]

August. 5. The same in English; with Lord Burghley's corrections.

August 3. 6. Mr. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Argyll refuses the office of Lieutenant against Huntly; Atholl likely to refuse it also, and Forbes. Offers made to the King to grant liberty of conscience to the Catholics. Ambassadors coming from foreign powers. The Catholic Earls levying forces. Cardinal Allen to be sent into the Low Countries.

August 3. 7. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Lord Hamilton's appointment as Warden of the West Borders. Will hold the course directed with Bothwell. Glad of the favour to be shewn Mr. James Murray and John C[olville].

August 5. 8. John Colville to Henry Lok. The inclosed will inform him of the state of matters since James Forrest's departure, whom he prays he will assist seriously.

August 5. 9. Sir Thomas Wylkes to Sir Robert Cecil. The Scottish Ambassador's receipt of his compliments. He is a young man of few words and good fashion.

August 6. 10. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Angus Maconell and M'Lean liberated from the castle some time past on great bonds; feuds between them; their present movements. Foreign Ambassadors in Scotland. Reported hostilities of the Earls at Aberdeen. Suits to be made in favour of Bothwell.

August 10. 11. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Henry Lok. The King travails mightily with the Ambassadors to make no intercession for Bothwell. Overtures made to him [Colville]. As Q's [the King's] dealings are yet suspicious it is necessary that N. [Bothwell] should not be cast off.

August 12. 12. Mr. David Foulis to Mr. Bowes. The King has prorogued the baptism till the 25th, in consequence of not having heard of the English or French Ambassadors.

August 13. 13. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Queen's wish that he [Bowes] should not be recalled at present. The baptism put off till the 25th. The men of the Isles going towards Ireland. The forfeited Earls' attempt to levy men in Sutherland. Overtures to the Court. Communication between Home and Huntly.

August 15. 14 Sir Richard Cockburne to Lord Burghley. Sorry that his London. mission has not produced the desired effects; stays there at present for the King's further pleasure.

August 16. 15. Anonymous [Jerome Lyndsey] to _____. Communication Stirling. between Sir George Home and the papists. Movements of the Earls. Their hope of Spaniards.

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August 16. 16. Mr. James Murray to "faythfull Gawane." Desires that his thanks may be returned to Sir Robert Cecill for intercession in his behalf. A great and mischievous platt against the Queen of Scots and Lennox. The King in great fear of Leander. His nobles refuse to come to the banquet.

August 17. 17. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The baptism to take place Edinburgh. on the 25th. The King's earnestness against the forfeited Earls; their intention to offer assurance to the King. A foray by one of Huntly's followers against Macintosh. Lord Hamilton's excuse for not coming to the baptism.

August 17. 18. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs that the Queen will Edinburgh. intercede for Mr. James Murray. His [Bowes'] continued stay in Scotland, and his distress.

August 22. 19. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Delay in the English Ambassador's coming to the baptism. None expected from France. Thanks to be conveyed to her Majesty for an aid for himself of 200*l.* Foreign Ambassadors desirous to return through England. Gowry going abroad. Movements of Argyll against Huntly. Gordon the Jesuit. Attempted reconciliation of Bothwell and Huntly.

August 26. 20. Earl of Argyll to King James. Has sent out a number of men against the Highlanders assisters of his rebels, and begs his Majesty's directions for their greater confidence.

August 27. 21. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The baptism prorogued till the Edinburgh. 28th. Messengers sent to the Earl of Sussex. Scotchmen gone to Ireland to aid the rebels there. Argyll's preparations against Huntly. The Laird of Logye, coming to the banquet, apprehended by the King's order. Overtures from Huntly to Bothwell. The fleet of Spain.

August 30. 22. Sir Richard Cockburne to Lord Burghley. Begs him to forward some letters to Mr. Bowes.

August. 23. A trve reportarie of the most trivmphant and royal accomplishment of the Baptisme of the most Excellent, right High, and Mightie Prince Frederick Henry, by the Grace of God Prince of Scotland. Solemnized the 30th day of August 1594. [Small 4*to.* tract, in black letter.] • *Printed by Peter Short.*

August 31. 24. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Solemnization of the baptism. Stirling. Honourable carriage of the Earl of Sussex. The Bishop of Aberdeen's discourse. Andrew Melvill's verses. Argyll's raid against Huntly is stayed.

August 31. 25. Robert Ratcliff, Earl of Sussex, to Sir Robert Cecill. His Stirling. arrival. Presentation of his letters and presents. The christening. Precedency given to him, and honour done to her Majesty.

August 31. 26. Mr. Richard Connyngesby to Sir Robert Cecill. Baptism of Stirling. the Prince of Scotland at Stirling. Honourable carriage of the Earl of Sussex.

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August 31. 27. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Apprehension of Logie. Movements of the three papist Earls. Argyll's preparation against them. Expediency of her Majesty's dealing for Bothwell. Offensive verses [the Natalia of Mr. Andrew Melvill].

August. 28. A statement by Mr. Henry Lok on the present troubles of Scotland, and setting forth the practices of the Earls of Huntly, Angus, and Erroll, which have caused the same.

August. 29. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecil. Offers made by Bothwell. The overtures made to him by the papists. His suit for her Majesty to deal for him; expedience of her doing so.

Sept. 2. Linlithgow. 30. John Colville to Mr. Lok. Movements of Bothwell; his reported agreement with the three Earls. The baptism. The King's promises to go against the papists. The King's efforts to stay the journey of Argyll.

Sept. 6. 31. Anonymous [John Colville] to Sir Robert Cecil. Offers from Bothwell and the papist Lords; their insincerity towards her Majesty; and their ultimate intentions. Bothwell has received some money with which he is lifting troops.

Sept. 6. London. 32. Sir Richard Cockburne to Lord Burghley. Fresh instructions from the King of Scots. The hasty style of his letter. The Queen's displeasure at it. The King's request for the advance of his next year's gratuity.

Sept. 7. 33. Earl of Bothwell to the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Great wrong done to him by them, through sinister information. The King's rigour against him. His harsh usage by England. His poverty and wretchedness. Particulars of his conference with the papist Lords.

Sept. 8. Edinburgh. 34. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Robert Waldegrave's excuses for printing Mr. Melvill's verses. The part offensive to her Majesty. The King's excuses. His title to the Crown of England: Threatening letter sent to the King by Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Bothwell joined with them. Preparations by the King against them. Forces to be levied. Argyll's journey stayed; he offers to put Huntly out of his bounds, and claims his possessions. An offer by a gentleman to discover the attainted Earls' plots and intentions; his terms. The band between Bothwell and the Earls. Bothwell has received money and offers to levy troops. *Incloses,*

34. I. ————— to Mr. Bowes. *Proceedings between Bothwell and the Earls. Their banding together. Bothwell to remain at the Hermitage till the King passes to the North. Great appearance of danger.* September 6.

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Sept. 8.
Edinburgh.

35. Earl of Sussex to Sir Robert Cecil. An interview with the King on the subject of his prosecution of the rebel Earls. Bothwell's joining with them. Their threatening letter to the King; his determination to proceed against them; his anger against Bothwell.
Incloses,

35. i. *Earls of Huntly, Angus, and Erroll, and George Gordon of Auchindown, to the King of Scots. Foreign Princes have heard of the unjust proceedings against them, and mean to take their parts; therefore, for the quieting of the state they beg the King to appoint some of the Council to confer with them, and to receive their offers. September 3.*

Sept. 9.
Holyrood.

36. Queen Anne to Queen Elizabeth. Expresses her grateful thanks for her Majesty's loving and motherly kindness shown to her and her son.

Sept. 10.
Edinburgh.

37. John Colville to Mr. Henry Lok. Bothwell gone North to the Earls. Report of a surprise on Dundee. Forces raised for the King; unhappy Bothwell will prevent his march against the Earls.

Sept. 11.

38. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Commends the Earl of Sussex. Assures her of his intention to proceed against the Spanish Lords; better late thrive than never. Remonstrates that James Forret [an agent of Bothwell's] is allowed to remain in her country, and requests that he may be delivered up.

[Sept.]

39. Notes of petitions to be declared by the Earl of Sussex from the King of Scots to her Majesty;—to complain of James Forret's being allowed to remain in England, and of the receipt of others the King's rebels in that country.

[Sept.]

40. Another copy of the same.

Sept. 11.
Edinburgh.

41. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Forwards a letter by which he will understand the whole course lately passed by the Earl of Bothwell.

Sept. 13.
Edinburgh.

42. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Forwards a packet from the King of Scots to his Secretary then in London, and reports the departure of the Earl of Sussex for England.

Sept. 14.
Northallerton.

43. Earl of Sussex to Sir Robert Cecil. Has been struck by a horse on his leg so that he cannot stand, and knows not when he shall be at London, but means to rest at Belvoir or Lord Wiloughby's.

Sept. 15.
Edinburgh.

44. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Departure of the Earl of Sussex. The King's liking of him. Good services of his suite. The King continues resolute to proceed against the papist Earls.

Sept. 16.
Edinburgh.

45. John Colville to Mr. Henry Lok. Bothwell ruined. His two enterprises of capturing the King and murdering Sir George Home have failed. Capture of his associates. The approaching raid upon the papists. Reported coming of strangers.

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Sept. 16. London. 46. Sir Richard Cockburne to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks him for his good will, which he wishes he could have expressed yesterday after he had kissed her Majesty's hand.

Sept. 16. Edinburgh. 47. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. The whole Court has laboured for his relief since Bothwell's detection. The Chancellor and others were opposed to him, but his remission has now been signed. Discovery of the enterprises of Bothwell and capture of his men.

Sept. 16. 48. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Remonstrances on the King's slow proceedings against the papists; their offers made to her for liberty of conscience; her answer; persuasion to be used to the King to deal resolutely with them.

Sept. 16. Copy of the same letter. [Vol. lii., p. 99.]

Sept. 16. Paris. 49. Confirmation by Henry IV., King of France, to the Scots in his kingdom, of the rights, privileges, and immunities granted to them by his ancestors. Fr.

Sept. 26. 50. Another copy of the same document.

Sept. 17. Greenwich. 51. Sir Robert Cecill to Secretary Cockburne. Assures him of his willing mind to answer all the offices of good will and kindness expressed in his letter.

Sept. 17. Another copy of the preceding letter. [Vol. lii., p. 96.]

Sept. 18. London. 52. James Hudson to Lord Burghley. Arrival of Sir James Sandilands, a favourite of the King's, who has been travelling in Italy for a year, and is desirous to kiss her Majesty's hand. Lord Sanquhar, an arch papist, is desirous to come home through England.

Sept. 21. Edinburgh. 53. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Commends James Drummond and other gentlemen for passports, to go to France and other places beyond sea, where they are going to learn the language, and see the countries.

Sept. 21. London. 54. Sir Richard Cockburne to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for a pacquet from Scotland, and begs the sending another to Mr. Bowes.

Sept. 24. Holyrood. 55. King James VI. to Queen Elizabeth. Recommends Jane Hamilton, relict of Robert Ridley, who had been spoiled of her property by Edward Gray, Captain of Morpeth.

Sept. 24. Greenwich. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. In answer to the King's wish to have Bothwell's followers removed from England, expressing the Queen's willingness to comply with his request, and explaining in regard to James Colville and James Forret's having been allowed to remain there. [Vol. lii., p. 97.]

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Sept. 24. 56. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. The matter which was done for Colville on the 13th. Expediency of protesting against him. The preceding letter to be sent to the King immediately.

Sept. 24. Another copy of the same. [Vol. lii., p. 98.]

Sept. 24. 57. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's resolution against the forfeited Earls. Argyll entered on his journey against them; his forces. Preparations of Huntly to encounter him. Report of an intended surprise of the King by Bothwell. Capture and torture of some of his people. Women spies upon Bothwell; his poverty; his meeting with Huntly. Efforts of each to betray the other. Plans of the rebels.

Sept. 25. 58. Sir Richard Cockburne to Sir Robert Cecill. Excuses for his delay in England on account of fresh directions received from the King.

Sept. 28. 59. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Argyll and his army marched to Blair Atholl. His commission proclaimed. Preparations of Huntly to resist him. Reported overtures from Huntly. Argyll's answer. Atholl lies off. Bothwell. Huntly's offer to deliver him to the King. Movements of Bothwell. The King's intended severity. *Incloses,*

59. I. *Earl of Bothwell to the Presbytery of Edinburgh.* *Informs them that in consequence of the barbarous tyranny used against him and his kinsmen, he has been forced to join with the papist Earls, but professes that he has no design against the true religion, and is acting only for the settlement of his temporal estate and for the punishment of the bloody tyrants arrayed against him.*

September 21.

Sept. 30. 60. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's wrath against him is mitigated, and he is to go to Stirling to have his peace published. Sir George Home's promises towards the amity. His [Colville's] correspondence will be surer, but must be kept with more secrecy. Ochiltree has promised for his peace to apprehend Angus.

Oct. 3. 61. Sir Richard Cockburne to Lord Burghley. In favour of a claim London. of his hostess who had applied for his intercession.

Oct. 7. 62. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King enters into his raid Edinburgh. against the rebel Earls. News of a battle between Argyll and Huntly. The King's haste to support Argyll against Huntly, Erroll, and their associates. Report of an intended surprise of Edinburgh by Angus, Bothwell, and Herries. *Incloses,*

62. I. *“Advertisements from the camp:”—Particulars of a battle between the forces of the Earl of Argyll against those of the Earls of Huntly and Erroll on the 3rd of October at Auchindown.*

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62. II. "Advertisements from the camp :"—*Particulars of the battle between the forces of Argyll and Huntly, and reported death of Erroll.* Oct. 3 and 6.

62. III. "Advertisements from the camp :"—*A request made in May to Argyll by O'Donnell and O'Neill for the assistance of men in Ireland; and Argyll's answer.* Oct. 7.

Oct. 8. *Edinburgh.* 63. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Further particulars of the late battle between Argyll and Huntly. Conflicting reports. Erroll wounded. Huntly's followers slain. Persons slain on the side of Argyll. Retreat of Argyll's army. Progress of the King.

Oct. 12. *Edinburgh.* 64. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Particulars of the late battle. Relative strength of Argyll and Huntly. Two thousand men deserted Argyll. Auchindown slain. Other persons wounded and slain. Breaking up of Argyll's army. Mackintosh to keep the Highlands. The King's progress; his promise to proceed sincerely against the forfeited Earls.

Oct. 13. *Nonsuch.* Abstract of a letter from Sir Robert Cecil to Bowes, signifying the Queen's pleasure that he should not return from Scotland at present, and reporting the capture of Morlaix. [Vol. lii., p. 104.]

Oct. 15. *London.* 65. Sir Richard Cockburne to Lord Burghley. Requests that he will present a letter to the Queen. His great desire to take home a satisfactory answer. The action in the North.

Oct. 16. *Lime Street.* 66. Sir Richard Cockburne to Lord Burghley. The Queen's answer to his request. Expresses his thanks, and begs him to give order for the payment of the money.

Oct. 18. *Nonsuch.* 67. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Respecting some money for the King of Scots, and the Ambassador's desire that it should not be delayed.

Oct. 19. *[Berwick.]* 68. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. The Queen's wish for him to stay in Scotland. His previous departure to Berwick. Stays there till he receives further orders.

Oct. 23. *Berwick.* 69. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Delay in sending the money for the King of Scots. The King's progress against the rebels.

Oct. 23. *Berwick.* 70. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Money for the King. His resolution against Huntly and the rest of the rebels. His progress against them. A message to the ministers to assist him with their prayers. Ministers in the King's camp. The King's behaviour. The wounded of Huntly's party have withdrawn into Auchindown House. The King's intention to besiege it. Reported capture of Erroll and Cluny.

Oct. 24. *Nonsuch.* Abstract of a letter from Sir R. Cecil to Mr. Bowes, licensing him to return to England. [Vol. lii., p. 104.]

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Oct. 24. Edinburgh. 71. Mr. George Nicolson to Mr. Robert Bowes. Proceedings with the Council in reference to some Border outrages. Buccleuch's power in Liddesdale ; his opposition to Bothwell. Hard case of Bothwell. The King's movements against the Earls, &c.

Oct. 25. 72. Sir Richard Cockburne to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his intercession with the Queen and Lord Burghley, that he may obtain a satisfactory answer to certain matters in which he has instructed Mr. Hudson.

Oct. 25. Nonsuch. 73. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Begs him to restrain the going of his subjects into Ireland.

Oct. 25. Nonsuch. Copy of the same. [*Vol. lii., p. 104.*]

Oct. 25. Nonsuch. 74. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Argyll. Has written to the King of Scots to beg him to exercise his authority for preventing his subjects in the North from joining with her rebels in Ireland ; and begs his Lordship to have an honourable circumspection in the same.

Oct. 25. Nonsuch. Copy of the same. [*Vol. lii., p. 106.*]

Oct. 27. London. 75. Sir Richard Cockburne to Lord Burghley. Begs that he will remove the delay which has arisen in respect to the sending of some money to the King of Scots.

Oct. 29. Barnes. 76. Mr. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Border matters. Erroll's wound. The King's progress against the rebels. Houses spoiled. Huntly gone to meet Angus and Bothwell. Distress of Bothwell. His [Bowes'] recall.

Oct. 29. 77. Advertisements from Strathbogie, &c. :—Doubts about destroying the houses of the papist Earls. Destruction of Strathbogie. The King's further intentions. Argyll to be left Lieutenant in the North. Money and help expected by the papists. Huntly gone into Caithness.

Oct. 78. Articles to be submitted to the Scottish Earls for abstaining from all foreign practices and supporting the established religion ; with remarks by Archibald Douglas of their probable answers to these articles.

Oct. 79. Account of monies paid out of the Exchequer of England to the use of the King of Scots, from 1586 to 1594, amounting to 33,500*l.*

Nov. 2. 80. Extracts of letters from George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Reported retreat of the King to Aberdeen. Houses cast down. Atholl bribed by Huntly. Fears of the Ministry. Bothwell's followers grown cold.

Nov. 3. 81. Extracts of letters to Mr. Bowes, probably from Nicolson. Destruction of Strathbogie and other houses. The King's return to Aberdeen ; his march into Caithness after Huntly. Huntly's followers hanged. Bothwell departed by sea. Dryness between the Chancellor and Mar. Reported death of Erroll. The warrant for the death of the Earl of Murray.

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Nov. 8. 82. Sir Richard Cockburne to Sir Robert Cecil. Desires audience of the Queen to take leave.

Nov. 8. 83. Abstracts of letters from Scotland:—Houses destroyed by the King. Argyll declines to accept the Lieutenancy. Charge given to the Earl of Sutherland and others by the King. The King's declaration against the papists. A band subscribed by Huntly to kill the King. Situation of Huntly and his forces.

Nov. 12. 84. Sir Robert Cecil to Sir Richard Cockburne. Sends a letter from the Queen, with which he will depart immediately to Scotland. The subject of the letter, besides the expression of her mind in regard to the testimony of her love which she now advances to the King, chiefly in his [Cockburne's] praise.

Nov. 12. Copy of the same. [Vol. lii., p. 107.]

Nov. 12. 85. Sir Richard Cockburne to Sir Robert Cecil. Reminds him of the suits of certain persons for whom he had interceded with the Queen.

Nov. 14. 86. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. In behalf of certain persons for whom the Ambassador had interceded.

Nov. 16. 87. Abstracts of letters from Scotland [from Nicolson to Bowes]. Return of the King to Edinburgh. New troubles expected from the Earls. Discord between the Chancellor and Mar. Bothwell reported to be in England. The King offended with Mr. John Colville. A band made for the killing of the King.

Nov. 16. 88. Henry IV., King of France, to the King of Scotland. Conveying compliments, and expressing regret that he had not been able to assist at the baptism of the Prince, his son. Fr.

Nov. 20. 89. Abstract of letters from Scotland [from Nicolson to Bowes]. Accusations to be made at the Assembly, by the Earl of Mar, against the Chancellor. Scotchmen in Ireland. Proceedings of Buccleuch and Johnston against the Armstrongs. The King's intention to ride against Angus.

Nov. 20. 90. Sir Richard Cockburne to Sir Robert Cecil. Returns thanks for the Queen's favour to him shown in this last token, also for the courtesy shown to him by himself and Lord Burghley.

Nov. 26. 91. Abstract of letters from Scotland [Nicolson to Bowes]:—Expected change at Court. The King purposing to ride against Angus. Angus and Bothwell plotting to surprise the King. State of affairs in the North.

Nov. 28. 92. An anonymous letter of intelligence from Scotland:—Probable change at Court. The Chancellor to be put at. Huntly preparing new forces. Pardon of Bothwell's men. Lennox granting the remissions in the North.

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93. Earl of Argyll to Mr. Bowes. Has received a letter from her Majesty, touching some persons who are troublesome to the estate of Ireland. Defers answer till he is better acquainted in the matter, but assures him of his good meaning towards her Majesty.

Nov. 29.

94. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Opening of the Convention. The King's declaration concerning his pursuit of the papists. Discord between Mar and the Chancellor. Reports about Bothwell. The Duke of Lunenburg.

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Edinburgh.

95. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Opening of the Convention. The King's speech. Assistance required by him. His good meaning towards her Majesty. The purposes against the Chancellor failed. Quiet in the North.

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96. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Number of nobles at the Convention. The King's declaration respecting his action against the papists. His need of assistance from her Majesty. His complaint that it comes so tardily.

Nov. 30.

Berwick.

97. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Fault found by Mr. Archibald Douglas, with the King's doings against the papists. His complaints against Sir Robert Cecil and himself [Hudson].

Nov. 30.

98. Anonymous [John Colville] to Henry Lok. Great heartburnings in Scotland. Reconciliation of Atholl and Huntly. A great "heirschip" committed by Glenlyon on Atholl. The Convention dissolved.

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Stirling.

99. George Areskyn [Erskine] to Mr. Robert Bruce. Wishes to know what answer is come from England, because their enemies in the North will have time to repair their loss. A messenger has arrived in Argyll from O'Donnell, who offers the double of the tribute for support of men.

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Edinburgh.

100. Roger Astou to Mr. Bowes. Breaking up of the Convention. The designs against the Chancellor failed. Hatred between Mr. Colville and the Chancellor. Colville has offered to betray Bothwell.

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101. Abstract of letters from Scotland [Nicolson and Aston to Bowes]:—Border matters. Ending of the Convention. Failure of Argyll and Mar's intentions against the Chancellor. Colville blowing the coals and seeking favour; his offer to entrap Bothwell. Want of money there. Angus and Bothwell gone over the water to Caithness. Atholl agreed with Huntly.

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102. Sir George Home of Spott to Mr. Bowes. The King's success in the North. The promises of assistance made to him should now be fulfilled. His [Bowes'] departure a great discomfort to the King.

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103. Depositions of John Ward, Edward Dutton, and William Freman, three Buckinghamshire men, captured at Edinburgh on the 3rd December, 1594, as to the cause of their being in Scotland.

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Dec. 3. 104. Note presented by George Nicolson to the King and Council of Scotland, of Border matters, complaints of disorders, &c.; with their answers thereto.

Dec. 4. 105. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. The late intention to change the Ministry. The King thinks himself not so liberally dealt with as his painful and costly journey merits. Discord between Mar and Sir George Home. Mr. Colville's disclosure of Bothwell's matters. Good service of Mr. Aston.

Dec. 12. 106. Sir Richard Cockburne to Mr. Bowes. The King dissatisfied with the small sum sent him; his vehement complaints about it, after his dangerous journey against the rebel Earls. Colonel Stewart going to request assistance from the Low Countries. Expediency of her Majesty's sending some more money to the King. The King's opinion of Lord Burghley's and Sir Robert Cecil's ill will against him. The King's desire for him [Bowes] to return to Scotland.

Dec. 12. 107. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. Failure in the late platt to change some of the King's Ministers. Cause thereof. Colville's disclosures to the King. The King not likely to forgive him.

Dec. 12. 108. Extracts of letters from Scotland to Mr. Bowes:—The late intended change at Court. The Duke of Lennox fears an assault from [the] Earls. Glamis sent to him. Expected renewal of the troubles by the rebel Earls and Bothwell. Argyll levying forces. Movements of Bothwell. Colville to be sent to the Duke.

[Dec.] 109. Memorandum, in the handwriting of Sheperson, Bowes' clerk, of matters to be communicated by Mr. Bowes, as to the King of Scots, the Queen, Argyll, Colville, Aston, &c.

Dec. 17. 110. Advertisement of Scottish matters, sent to George Nicolson from Aberdeen, of the proceedings of the Lord Lieutenant, and movements of the rebels.

Dec. 18. 111. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Solicitations to the King in behalf of Huntly. Buccleuch endeavouring to reconcile the Chancellor and the Queen. Colonel Stewart's mission to the Low Countries.

Dec. 26. 112. Advertisements from Edinburgh to Mr. Bowes:—The quarrel between the Chancellor and Mar. Buccleuch interceding for the Chancellor with the Queen. A band made by the rebel Earls for the death of the King. The Duke's government in the North. Narrow escape of Bothwell. Colonel Stewart's mission to the Low Countries.

Dec. 28. 113. Other advertisements from Scotland:—The King's journey to Stirling. His protection of the Chancellor. The "griefs" between the Chancellor and Mar. Quiet in the North. The rebels still secret. Exhortations to prayer.

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Dec. 28. 114. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The King's journey to Stirling. He [Colville] is to go there on the 29th to put the matter with Argyll to a point. The King is much disquieted how to behave between Mar and the Chancellor.

Dec. 28. 115. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's departure for Stirling. The matter between Mar and the Chancellor to be advanced. The King's protection of the Chancellor. All quiet in the North.

Dec. 31. 116. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Earnest dealing made with the King to move him to conceive hardly of Lord Burghley and himself [Cecill]. A paper of Mr. Archibald Douglas. Good service of Mr. Aston.

1594 ? 117. "Names of divers the practisers in Scotland;" Robert Bruce, Thomas Tyrie, Father Crichton, James Gordon, James Tyrie, and others.

1594 ? 118. "A true discourse of the late and present evil guided state of Scotland." Details of the proceedings of Bothwell, Huntly, and others.

Dec. 119. Part of a letter of intelligence from Scotland, respecting a sermon preached by Mr. Gibson about the four Kings of Scotland, King James, King Huntly, King Maxwell, and King Home.

1594. 120. Propositions submitted by Lord Wemyss, the Scottish Ambassador in France, to the French King, touching the league between the kingdoms of France and Scotland. Fr.

1594 ? 121. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Complains of outrages committed by his subjects upon the Middle and West Marches of England.

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Jan. 3. 1. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The purpose to displace some of the Officers of State. Illness of the Prince's nurse. Movements of the King. Angus and Bothwell returned from the North. The rebels quiet.

Jan. 4. 2. An anonymous letter of intelligence from Scotland:—Mar's design is now quiet. The Chancellor's precaution. Quiet in the North. Zeal of Argyll. The King hawking. Movements of Angus and Bothwell.

Jan. 5. 3. Advertisements from Scotland [to Mr. Bowes]:—The matter between the Chancellor and Mar. Illness of the Prince's nurse. The fault imputed to Mar. Angus and Bothwell seeking to surprise the King. Barbarities committed by the Highlanders. Herries. Argyll. Mr. Colville's efforts to stay the Highlanders from going to Ireland.

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Jan. 5. 4. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Movements of the King. Hawking. The King will have nothing done at London, but apprehends his misery very deeply. Certain mischief to ensue on the King's return. The King's insincerity. Bothwell in Caithness.

Jan. 8. 5. Mr. David Foulis to Mr. Bowes. Untruth of the reports about Edinburgh. a change of Officers of the State. The King's affection to the Chancellor. A Convention to be held for Border matters. Obedience shown to the Duke of Lennox.

Jan. 8. 6. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Expected change of Officers Edinburgh. of State. Atholl to come there with 400 men. Ogilvy and Buccleuch also expected with great numbers. Others expected on the other side. Lord Hamilton discontented. The King hawking at Biggar.

Jan. 9. 7. A journal or report of the proceedings of the Duke of Lennox in his journey against the Catholic Lords from Dec. 16;—The siege of Reven in Badenoch. Surrender of Inverness Castle. The town of Elgin assized for aiding Huntly and the rebels. Commissions given to the Sheriff of Murray and others for the apprehension of thieves and beggars. Cautions obtained of Macintosh, the Macfarlanes, and others. Thirteen men hanged on one gallows at Elgin. Proceedings of Bothwell and other papists, &c.

Jan. 12. 8. "Occurrents out of Scotland:"—Movements of the King. Bothwell and Angus in Caithness. Atholl expected with his followers. Glamis and Ogilvy to come in very strong; their intentions. Proceedings of Huntly.

Jan. 13. 9. Advertisements from Scotland [made by Nicolson to Mr. Bowes]. Edinburgh. The King's return; his interview with Nicolson. Want of assistance. Glamis daily looked for. Sickness of the Prince. Companies prepared by Atholl and Ogilvy. Agreement between Atholl and Huntly. The band made between Huntly, Bothwell, and the rest. Highland thieves hanged by Lennox. Argyll coming to Edinburgh.

Jan. 15. 10. Advertisements from Scotland:—Balwery's participation with Edinburgh. Bothwell. Great discontent against England. The waged men broken up for want of pay. Argyll's hot passions against the followers of Huntly. Murder of two ministers. The King still presses to know what help he may look for at her Majesty's hands for these actions against the papists.

Jan. 15. 11. King James to the General States of the Low Countries. Holyrood. Informs them of certain designs intended by the Spaniards, with the assistance of some persons of the first rank of his kingdom, and requests their advice and assistance to their extirpation. Fr.

Jan. 16. 12. James Campbell to Mr. John Colville. Promises his assistance in the purpose he proposes anent Ireland. A message to his Chief from O'Neill and others. The answer.

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Jan. 18. 13. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Confession of Balwery as to the proceedings of the rebels. The meeting between Bothwell and the papist Earls. The band made between them for the capture of the King. Offers made by them to her Majesty; answer made by my Lord Treasurer. Arrangements for collecting the King's revenue. Intentions of the papists. Guard kept in the town. Violent scene in a court of law.

Jan. 18. 14. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Balwery's confession. Expected movement from the papists. The town on its guard. A proclamation to disperse the people. Probable change of officers. Quarrel in the Tolbooth between Sir Robert and Sir John Carr.

Jan. 23. 15. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The service which a certain person promises to do in these Irish matters. Arrangements for the collection of the revenue. The blow given by Cessford to Sir John Carr. Balwery's confession of a band subscribed by Angus for the deprivation of the King.

Jan. 23. 16. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Balwery refuses to confess unless he may have his life; intercession made for him. Mor [Nicolson] hopes to get a copy of the band. Atholl, Ogilvy, Argyll, and Hamilton expected there. Intentions of the Northern Earls. Border causes.

Jan. 24. 17. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. Balwery retracts his confession about the band for the deprivation of the King. He asks for his life and lands. He is committed to surer custody. The Council intercede for him. Hot words with the King. The King's poverty. Intentions of the rebel Earls, Huntly, Caithness, and others.

Jan. 24. 18. George Nicolson to Lord Scrope. The Laird of Buccleuch complains of him for not giving due attention to the disorders on the Borders. A great Convention to be held in respect to the spoils committed by the Highlanders. Balwery's confession. Emulation between the Chancellor and Mar.

Jan. 25. 19. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Hopes that his communications to the Ambassador have been acceptable. Begs advice, that he may fall into no error.

Jan. 28. 20. Examination and confession of James Scott, Laird of Balwery, as to his meeting with Bothwell, Angus, Huntly, and others; the band subscribed by them; their designs on the King; and their movements after the battle with Argyll.

Jan. 29 & 30. 21. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. Assembly of the Convention. Nobles present. The disorders committed by the Highlanders. Argyll, Atholl, and others committed to ward. Balwery's confession. The band made between the rebel Lords; their purpose to take or slay the King. The Queen's intercession for Balwery. A great friend of Huntly's at Court. Secret dealing for Huntly. Movements of Bothwell.

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Jan. 30. Edinburgh. 22. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Opening of the Convention. The town in arms. A fight prevented. Balwery to have his life; his confession. The band between the rebel Earls. Bothwell and Huntly about to leave the country. Outrages of the Highlanders.

Jan. 23. Proclamation by the King of Scots, summoning the Lords and others of Scotland to attend the Parliament to be holden on the 17th of March next.

Jan. 24. John Lord of Wemyss to Queen Elizabeth. Having always been her most faithful and willing servitor, begs the fulfilment of a promise made to him by her true servant Sir Francis Walsyngham.

Feb. 1. Edinburgh. 25. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Balwery liberated. The band made between the Earls. The matter of Ireland and Sir George Home. Coldness towards England. A fray in the street. The King going to Spott and Douglas. Danger apprehended.

Feb. 1. 26. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The Convention. Highland matters. New officers of the Exchequer. The fight in the street between the Master of Montrose and Sandilands. The Chancellor and Montrose stood by till it was finished. Enlargement of Balwery. Bragging of the papists.

Feb. 3. Edinburgh. 27. James Campbell of Lawers to Mr. John Colville. Maconochie and other Chieftains sent for to go to Ireland. Will travail upon his own charges for a season.

Feb. 4. Holyrood. 28. King James to James Hudson. Begs him to assist George Snyth in the transporting from England of twelve tons of double London beer, as his [the King's] dearest spouse is daily accustomed to drink of the same.

Feb. 5. 29. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. By the enclosed from Junior [James Campbell] he may see his mind. Movements of the King. D. is not well content. Forbes' lands spoiled by the Gordons. Balwery's confession. Expected departure of Bothwell.

Feb. 5. Edinburgh. 30. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's departure to hunt. Dissuasions of the Ministers. The Duke reported to have given remission to the papists. Argyll promises redress for the faults committed by his vassals. Discontent that her Majesty does not assist the King. The matter of Ireland. Apprehension of Bothwell's brother. The Earl of Murray to go to the schools in England.

Feb. 12. 31. Advertisements from Scotland [sent by Nicolson to Mr. Bowes]:—The Queen reconciled to the Chancellor; a new cause for dryness between the Chancellor and Mar; a plot to kill the Chancellor and Glamis.

Feb. 13. 32. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Apprehension of Bothwell's brother; his depositions. The Council busied in the Irish matters. Argyll not likely to have relief. Bothwell going out of the country. Lennox returning from the North.

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Feb. 14. 33. Instructions given by the King of Scots to Colonel William Stewart, sent to the States General of the United Provinces of the Low Countries, to declare the practices of Spain with the assistance of some of his nobles, and to request their aid and advice. Fr.

Feb. 14. 34. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Expected return of the Duke. Remission granted to certain of the Earls' followers. Huntly and others to leave the country. Balwerry's confession about the bands. Confession of Hercules Stewart [Bothwell's brother]. The King's surprise in not hearing from England. Irish matters.

Feb. 14. 35. Roger Aston to [Mr. Bowes]. Settlement of matters in the North. Sentence upon Huntly and others. The confession of Bothwell's brother. Argyll and Atholl to find caution to settle the affairs of the Highlands.

Feb. 15. 36. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Return of the Duke of Lennox. Huntly and his colleagues to leave the country. Bothwell going to Dunkirk. Promises of Junior [Campbell]. Agreement of the Queen and Chancellor. Her Majesty's liking of Colville's services. [*The names in cipher.*]

Feb. 19. 37. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Return of the Duke of Lennox; his settlement of matters in the North. Arrangement with Huntly and others. Bothwell to leave the country; his brother hanged. Bothwell excommunicated. Argyll still in ward. The King looking for her Majesty's support.

Feb. 21. 38. Laird of East Wemyss to Mr. Bowes. Reminds him of his "adoo," and of the recompence deserved of her Majesty for his long and faithful service.

Feb. 22. 39. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Satisfaction of Campbell's service to be done by him in the Isles. Return of the Duke of Lennox. A late purpose of the papists to get possession of the King. An offer to be made to the King to kill Huntly. Movements and intentions of Bothwell; execution of his brother.

Feb. 22. 40. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Duke of Lennox's proceedings in the North. Movements of Bothwell; one of his followers killed by William Home. Argyll to have his liberty by means of the Chancellor. Approaching Parliament.

Feb. 22. 41. Conditions proposed to the King by the Earl of Argyll, to have his liberty, and offering service.

Feb. 22. 42. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The Duke's proceedings in the North authorized by an Act of Council. Huntly and Erroll preparing to leave the country. Angus. Uncertainty as to the movements of Bothwell. The Queen and Chancellor all one. Argyll and Atholl still in ward. Approaching Parliament.

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March 1. **Holyrood.** 43. King James to Lord Burghley. Informs him that he has pardoned Mr. John Colville, and explains why he has done so, holding mercy as the repose of his conscience, the staff of his estate, and the chief ornament and note of every Christian empire.

March 3. **Edinburgh.** 44. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Approaching Parliament. Measures to be proposed for the augmentation of the King's revenue. Excommunication of Bothwell. The Duke's services in the North. Angus quiet. Argyll to be soon at liberty. Buccleuch and Cessford greatest with the Queen. Dealings for the papists. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Question proposed by the King to the Kirk, as to persons forfeited for most notorious and treasonable crimes, whether they ought not likewise to be "stroken" with the spiritual sword of excommunication, and the Kirk's answer to the same.* *February.*

Form of excommunication pronounced against Francis, some time Earl of Bothwell. *February 18.*

March 4. **Holyrood.** 45. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. An enterprise in hand by the papists to surprise the King. Measures taken to prevent it. Suspicion about Ogilby and the Master of Gray. The approaching Convention. Huntly delays his departure. A motion made by the Queen to the King, to have the keeping of the Prince and the castle of Edinburgh; the King offended; the Chancellor suspected as the cause of it. Argyll to be delivered this day. *Incloses,*

45. I. *Act of the Council of Scotland, approving and confirming the proceedings of the Duke of Lennox, as the King's Lieutenant in the North, in the arrangements made in regard to Huntly, Erroll, &c.* *February 17.*

March 7. **Buinal.** 46. Junior [James Campbell, Laird of Lawers,] to [Mr. John Colville]. Has stayed three companies at Tarbert from going to Ireland. Will omit nothing to fulfil his promise.

March 9. **Edinburgh.** 47. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's request to have the keeping of the Prince and the castle; suspected movers of it. Argyll liberated; he rides to Stirling. Suspicions of the Chancellor. The King's suspicions of the Master of Gray. Highland matters. Atholl. Scottish ships stayed in Spain. Detention of an Englishman and a French boy lately arrived at Edinburgh. Books found in their mails. The approaching Convention.

March 11. 48. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Interview with the King. A motion made to the King to take the Prince out of the hands of the Earl of Mar. The King's suspicions of the Chancellor. Sir Robert Melvill desirous to be sent to England. The conspiracy for the capture of the King is like to fall on the Master of Gray.

March 12. **Edinburgh.** 49. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The motion respecting the Prince. The King's anger against Buccleuch and Cessford appeased. Reports about Bothwell's departure. Buccleuch and Cessford expect to have his lands. John Colville growing in favour with the King.

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March 12. 50. James Colvill, Laird of East Wemyss, to Mr. Bowes. Thanks Edinburgh. for letters. Has made his commendations to the King, who accepted them very kindly. His cousin [John Colville] has promise of his peace. The King expects the departure of the papist Lords.

March 13. 51. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. A request from the King of Scots. My Lord tells him that he cannot give the desired licence for the twelve tuns of beer. Begs a letter to the customers.

March 15. 52. Laird of East Wemyss to Mr. Bowes. The Parliament postponed. Edinburgh. The King's feeling against the papists; his intentions against them if they have not left the kingdom. No great friendship between Mar and the Chancellor. John Colville in the King's favour.

March 15. 53. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The motion respecting the Prince given up. Holyrood. The Chancellor was suspected of it, but has cleared himself. Good estimation of Mar. Huntly counselled by his friends to depart. Proceedings at the Convention.

March 17. 54. John Colville to Mr. Bowes. A complaint made by the Barons at the Convention. Eloquent discourse of the King. Articles given in by the ministry touching the papist Lords. Buccleuch and Cessford disappointed of Bothwell's lands. Discord among the nobles, Argyll, Lennox, and others. The King begins to mislike the Chancellor. Lennox turning the Queen against him. Himself [Colville] restored to the King's favour.

March 18. 55. John Colville to Mr. John Cary, Deputy-Governor of Berwick. The Convention. Great emulation amongst the courtiers. The motion made by the Queen to have the custody of the Prince. No appearance of the papist Lords' departure. Ill case of Bothwell.

March 20. 56. Advices from Edinburgh:—Discord between Mar and the Chancellor. Lennox going to France to seek a wife. Epigrams and jests made against the Chancellor.

March 22. 57. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The matter touching the Prince Holyrood. is settled. The Chancellor and Mar reconciled. Buccleuch and Cessford exculpated. Rising of the "checker;" all men to depart home. The King and Queen going to Stirling. Reported departure of Huntly and Erroll. Angus. Bothwell in Caithness.

March 22. 58. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Agreement between Mar and the Chancellor. Semblance of departure made by Huntly and Erroll. Ordinance made in Council to charge their sureties. *Incloses,* •

58. i. *Junior [James Campbell, Laird of Lawers,] to Mr. Colville. Going to the Isles; there are but three there to "dress for their effect;" and two are likely to apply for help to her Majesty. Means taken to hold Maconochie in order.*

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March 22. 59. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's attempted reconciliation of Mar and the Chancellor. Huntly and Erroll reported to be gone. Angus. Bothwell. Intended departure of the King and Queen. The Chancellor will stay there if he can. The King heard that Fletcher, the player, was hanged, and told him and Roger Aston so, in merry words, not believing it, saying very pleasantly that if it were true he would hang them also. A robbery committed on one Rutledge.

March 24. 60. Roger Aston to [Mr. Bowes]. Apprehension of a Jesuit named Morton; his commission from the papists at Rome; his examination. Letters from Colonel Stewart; his ill success.

March 25. 61. John Achinros, Servitor to M'Lane of Doward, to Mr. Bowes. The intentions of the rebels under the Earl of Tyrone, with the assistance of the Clan O'Donnel and others in Scotland, to raise a great insurrection against her Majesty. O'Donnel has made large offers to M'Lane for assistance, but M'Lane suggests that the Earl of Argyll and himself should be employed by her Majesty, to prevent Scotchmen from going to Ireland, and to go to Ireland themselves to attack the rebels on one side while her Majesty's forces attack them on the other.

March 25. 62. Abstract of the contents of the preceding letter, in the handwriting of Bowes' clerk.

March 25. 63. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Apprehension of Father Morton, a Romish priest. Object of his mission. Departure of Erroll and Huntly. Angus sick. Bothwell. The Queen again turned against the Chancellor.

March 25. 64. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Capture of Father Morton; his examination; object of his mission. The King of Scots supposed to be a Catholic. Col. Stewart speeds ill in his mission for money. Departure of Huntly and Erroll. M'Lane will be revenged on Tyrone.

March 26. 65. Proclamation by King James, forbidding all persons again to receive into the kingdom the Earls of Erroll and Huntly, or any other traitors or rebels, papists, Jesuits, and others.

March 27. 66. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Apprehension and examination of Morton, the Jesuit; his confession; his commission to James Gordon; the tablet that he brought for the Queen. Great commendation of Thomas Tyrie. Departure of the Earls. The King going to Stirling.

April 1. 67. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The King going to Stirling. Dissatisfaction. Letters taken on the Jesuit. Commission to torture and execute him. Departure of the papist Lords. Doubt about Bothwell. Junior [Campbell of Lawers] is about his errand. His own [Colville's] peace is made with the King.

April 1. 68. Mr. John Skene to Mr. Bowes. Thanks him for kindness to his cousin, Master Lumsdane. Huntly and Erroll have departed, and James Gordon with them. Huntly's letter to the King. Angus. Atholl. Apprehension of Morton the Jesuit; his mission from Rome; the A. B. C. found on him.

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April 2. 69. Depositions of John Morton, Jesuit, as to the object of his mission to Scotland, the meaning of his instructions, the cipher found on him, &c.

April 3. 70. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's warrant left for the torturing of the Jesuit; his confessions. The token sent by Cardinal Cajetanus to the Queen. Death of Cardinal Allen. Object of the Jesuit's mission. Commendation of Tyrie. Departure of the Earls. The King gone to Stirling. The Chancellor and the Queen. Pardon of John Colville.

April 3. 71. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Copies of the King's letters to the King of France to be procured and sent to her Majesty. Matters in hand above his [Nicolson's] reach. The motion respecting the young Prince. The matter of Ireland. The Laird of Lawers. Overtures of Achinros. John Colville's devotion to her Majesty.

April 4. 72. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Solicits assistance in recompense of his services to her Majesty.

April 4. 73. Laird of East Wemyss to Mr. Robert Bowes. Looks to be remembered with something whereby he may have occasion to continue his services to her Majesty, having hitherto been put off with promises only.

April 4. 74. Laird of East Wemyss to Mr. Bowes. The bearer, his cousin, James Colville, is sent by desire of the King with copies of the papers found on Morton the Jesuit. The King expects fulfilment of the promises made to him by Lord Zouche and himself [Bowes], having fulfilled his promises in the prosecution of his rebels.

[1595.] 75. "Instructions given by Crichton [the Jesuit] to Morton, which, being torn by Morton, were put together again and read." A series of memoranda given to Morton for his information on going to Scotland, as to the state of parties there, the King's bearing towards the Catholics, &c.

April 5. 76. "Collection of advertisements certified from Edinburgh by sundry letters of the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 27th and 28th of March last past," touching the apprehension of Morton, his confessions; Colonel Stewart's mission to the Low Countries for money; the departure of Huntly and Erroll; the King's pardon of John Colville, and other matters.

April 7. 77. Junior [the Laird of Lawers] to Mr. John Colville. Dealing with Macconochie. Offers made to Argyll. Angus M'Onell, and others are dealing with M'Lane.

April 9. 78. Anonymous to [Mr. Bowes]. Huntly and Erroll are to return in May. Angus to await them. The Prince to be removed. Mar to be deprived of his Earldom. An Ambassador to be directed to France.

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April 10. 79. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Treatment of Father Morton the Jesuit; his [Aston's] persuasions to the King not to let him escape. The King could not do better than knit them all up as he gets them; and so he will make a proclamation that as many as come and are gotten shall be presently hanged. Bothwell in Orkney; an attempt to take him. Sickness of the Prince. The King and Queen going to Falkland for the summer.

April 10. 80. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Reported private return of the papist Earls. The King will not suffer them to stay. Angus in obscurity. Dealings in behalf of the Jesuit Morton. A fray which will set all Stirling by the ears. Movements of Bothwell.

April 10. 81. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Departure of Bothwell and Erroll. Movements of Bothwell; an attempt to take him. The Jesuit Morton to be tortured by the King's command. The King hawking and hunting. John Colville's pardon. A fray at Stirling.

April 12. 82. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Earl of Orkney's warrant to stay English vessels coming to Orkney or Shetland. Suspicions between him and the Chancellor. The King's leaning towards the Chancellor.

April 12. 83. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The warrant granted to the Earl of Orkney to arrest English ships. Departure of Huntly and Erroll. Bothwell. Order taken with the Highlands. John Colville seeking presence of the King.

April 15. 84. George Nicolson to [Mr. Bowes]. Begs him to further the business of the bearer, who has a commission from M'Lane to provide sundry things for him.

April 17. 85. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's letters to the ministry for the excommunication of Spott and others. Some of the Macgregors hanged. Interview between the Chancellor and the Jesuit. Troubles likely to arise between Mar and the Chancellor, or Mar and the Queen.

April 18. 86. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The warrant granted to the Earl of Orkney. Counterfeiting of coin. Order taken with the Highlands. The broken men likely to go to Ireland. Reported return of Bothwell. The King hunting at Linlithgow.

April 22. 87. William Romeny, Merchant, to Lord Buckhurst. Informs him of the receipt of a letter from Hamburg, mentioning the arrival there of three noblemen fled out of Scotland, one of whom is called Bothwell.

April 22. 88. Lauchlane M'Lane of Doward to Mr. Bowes. O'Donnell has sent to Argyll for assistance, making large offers to him. Tyrone has assisted his neighbours with silver to take up men for Ireland. O'Donnell has made great offers to himself.

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April 23. 89. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Certainty of Bothwell's departure. The King anxious to try him fully through the means of himself [Mr. Colville]. A passport is therefore required quickly and secretly. Lawers is likely to discharge his part well. [*The names in cipher.*]

April 23. 90. Earl of Argyll to Mr. Bowes. Thanks for courtesies received from her Majesty. Will do all he can to prevent his own people and his neighbours from going over to the service of Ireland.

April 23. 91. James Colvill, Laird of East Wemyss to Mr. Bowes. Acknowledges the receipt of intelligence which he has communicated to the King; his Majesty is desirous to know all the depositions which a certain person has made, and that no favour be shown to him, if he shall be found to have practised against either of the States.

April 24. 92. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Argyll's thanks for the placard. The affairs of Ireland. Three thousand men going over from the Isles to the rebels. The Jesuit law. The Earl of Murray desirous of a passport to go to the schools in England. Mr. John Colville to be employed for England. The motion for removing the Prince. Sir James Sandilands' cause against Montrose. Bucleuch's journey to Tynedale; one house only burned. Dearth in Scotland and high prices.

April 25. 93. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Return of the King. Health of the Prince. Bruits that Huntly and Erroll are not departed. The late quarrel between Dunipace and Garden. The displeasure between Montrose and Sir James Sandilands. Begs the hastening of his passports. Expected communications.

April 26. 94. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Mr. Colville's present repair to England. Argyll resolved to leave Scotland. Factions among the nobles. Reported return of Bothwell. The King's suspicions. Angus, Spott, Mr. Bruce, and the Jesuit Morton.

May 2. 95. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Conference of ministers with the King touching the excommunication of certain persons who were with the papist Lords. The marriage of young Glamis. The motion for removing the young Prince. Colville [himself] commanded to make haste. Bothwell in France. [*The names in cipher.*]

May 3. 96. James Fullerton to Mr. George Nicolson. Letters from Ireland. Sir John Norris not landed. Sir Henry landed at Waterford with 1,200 soldiers. Tyrone quiet at his house. Munition and arms sent from Glasgow.

May 3. 97. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Meeting of the ministers and the King, and excommunication of Spott and others. The motion for the removal of the Prince to be renewed. Men gone to the aid of the rebels in Ireland. A fray in the town. *Bothwell in France.

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May 5.
Edinburgh. 98. Mr. David Foulis to Mr. Bowes. The jealousy between the Chancellor and Mar. The Queen very sick at Linlithgow. Captain Andrew Gray going to France, with letters to the King respecting the receipt of Bothwell there.

May 8.
Edinburgh. 99. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The King hunting. The Chancellor's excuses for not keeping an appointment with the King. The Queen to renew her old proposition concerning the Prince. Mar comes to the town well accompanied. Bothwell in France. Approaching difficulties. The excommunication of James Douglas of Spott.

May 8.
Edinburgh. 100. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Excommunication of Spott and others. The Chancellor excuses himself for not attending the King. The Queen intends to renew her former motion. Discord between the Chancellor, Mar, and others. A surprise intended by the Highlanders against the Isle of Man. *Incloses,*

100. i. *Mr. David Lyndesey to Mr. Bowes. Informs him of the proceedings of the King and the ministry in the excommunication of James Douglas of Spott and others.*
Leith, May 6.

100. ii. *The cause of the excommunication of James Douglas, William Gordon, and Colonel Boyd.* May 8.

May 10.
Doward. 101. Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to Mr. Bowes. His neighbours Maconell and others have received money from Tyrone and O'Donnell for the taking up of men for their service. Offers made to himself. The rebels in Ireland. Argyll. Strength of the forces.

May 10.
Doward. 102. John Achinros, servitor to M'Lane, to Mr. Bowes. His master's mind to continue his assistance to her Majesty notwithstanding the offers made him. The Earl [Tyrone] has a high course in hand, and unless he be prevented will cause her Grace great trouble.

May 11.
Doward. 103. John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. "Heirschip" committed by Maconell at Carrickfergus; he will write to my Lord Deputy. Good service will be done for her Majesty, if matters be well followed out by him [Bowes].

May 15.
Edinburgh. 104. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Meeting of the King, Mar, and the Chancellor. The motion respecting the Prince not made. A purpose intended respecting his custody, by others as well as Mar. A horse race. The livings of Bothwell and Angus. Approaching marriage of Glamis. An Ambassador from France expected.

May 16.
Edinburgh. 105. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. No alteration made in the Ministers. The Queen's motion respecting the Prince not proposed; the reason; Mar satisfied. The Highlands. Huntly reported to be landed in Denmark.

May 16.
Edinburgh. 106. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Forwards some letters just received from M'Lane.

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May 10. Edinburgh. 107. John Colville to Mr. Bowes. Expected alterations at the late Convention. Present quietness. Mar ridden home. Approaching marriage of young Glamis. The displeasure between Dunipace and Garden.

May 17. 108. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The King's wish for him [Colville] to search out Bothwell. Contrariety in England. His perplexity. His intention to have served her Majesty. Wishes to know the particular reasons why his going is disliked. [*The names in cipher.*]

May 18. 109. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. General quiet. Much pressed to this journey against Bothwell. If he gets no relief by Whitsunday shali be sore wrackit. [*Partly in cipher.*]

May 19. Edinburgh. 110. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Mr. Colville agrees to stay his journey, but perils his credit thereby with the King. The necessity of his relief with some money before Whitsunday. Approaching marriage of Glamis. The Duke's horse the winner of the race. Father Morton to be examined to-morrow.

May 21. Stirling. 111. Anonymous [the Laird of Lawers] to [Mr. Colville]. Sickness the cause of his silence. None gone to Ireland. Maconell purposing to go. Donald Gorme and some others have had some speaking of the Isle of Man.

May 22. Edinburgh. 112. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Arrival of two Jesuits, Seaton and Cecill. The Chancellor desirous to have intelligence of those in England. Herries and others summoned to the Council on Border matters. Suspicions and jealousies.

May 23. Edinburgh. 113. Anonymous to [Mr. Bowes]. The agents of the Catholic Lords very busy in their behalf. An evil spirit conjured from a young maid in Galloway. Angus holding on in the old fashion. A arrival from Paris. A casket of papers sent by Mr. Dikson.

May 27. 114. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The emulations not quenched. Movements of the King. Approaching marriage of Glamis. Meeting of the Wardens on Border matters. Much pressed to the journey [in search of Bothwell]. The King's feeling towards him [Colville].

May 27. Edinburgh. 115. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Mr. Colville much pressed for the journey [after Bothwell]; his devotion to her Majesty. Mr. Aston sent by the King for the Queen. The Queen advised to obey the King, and follow his courses. The banquet of Glamis' marriage to be on Sunday. Mar again in favour with the Queen. Buccleuch; good order in his rule. Border matters. Affairs of Ireland.

May 28. Holyrood. 116. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. Marriage banquet of Glamis. Expected change of Court. The Queen opposed to Mar. Jealousies increasing. Great blame laid on Mr. John Colville. Weakness of the Prince. Arrival of Colonel Stewart. Ill success of his mission. Captain Gray going to France.

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May 30. 117. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. The Queen persuaded to go to the King. The fire will break out presently. The Queen will not cease till she have her son. Mr. Colville blamed. The Queen against Mar; the King for him.

May 30. 118. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Buccleuch's complaint of the Armstrongs. Return of Colonel Stewart. Captain Andrew Gray to go abroad instead of Mr. Colville. The Queen with child. The Duke's attempt to reconcile her with Mar. The Chancellor's opposite proceedings. Mr. Bowes wished there by the Kirk.

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June 1. 1. Anonymous to [Mr. Bowes]. The King's mind likely to be alienated from England, through the efforts of the Catholic faction. The man that he wrote of last is on the point of his journey to Flanders.

June 2. 2. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Illness of the Queen. Mar will yield to the Queen's motion respecting the custody of the Prince. The Chancellor's party in great confidence. Mar will not give up Stirling Castle. Need of his [Bowes'] presence.

June 5. 3. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's illness. Interview between the King and Mar respecting the custody of the Prince. The King's anger. Glamis ordered to ward. Colonel Stewart's return; nothing brought by him to the King. Captain Andrew Gray's departure to look after Bothwell. Affairs of Ireland. Argyll bribed.

June 6. 4. James Colvill, Laird of East Wemyss to Mr. Bowes. The King not likely to receive the comfort he expects from England. The demand for the custody of the Prince begins to kindle. A number banded against Mar. The King's favour to him.

June 6. 5. Duncan McDougall to John Cunningham, Burgess of Edinburgh. Wishes news. Sends forty pounds. General gathering of men in the North; they are passing forward where Angus is; Argyll's attempt to make an appointment with Angus; his answer. A combat appointed between them hand to hand.

June 7. 6. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Uncertain state of affairs there. Objects of the several factions. Mar preparing against his enemies. The Queen's hostility against him. The King's opposition to any alteration. Difficulty of the Queen's obtaining her desire for the removal of the Prince.

June 7. 7. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's illness; her desire to take the Prince and the castle of Stirling out of the hands of Mar. Mar guarding against it. Dissatisfaction of the Kirk.

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June 13. 8. Anonymous to Mr. Bowes. Neither Cecil nor Seton have come there. Tyrie expected. Wants two rugs, one orange and another incarnate red. Has also lost his knife.

June 14. 9. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Uncertainty about some Jesuits being there. Erroll reported not to be gone. Huntly has written from Antwerp to comfort his friends. The King's opposition to the Queen's wishes about the removal of the Prince. Efforts of the rival factions.

June 16. 10. John Colville to Mr. Bowes. Had written yesterday of everything but the Queen's sickness, which was interpreted differently, but she is now happily convalescent. The ill will between the innocent Earl of Mar and others is nothing quenched.

June 17. 11. Roger Aston to George Nicolson. The King resolved not to alter any matter of estate. The Queen getting better, and has made no motion to the King concerning the Prince. The Queen bears a great grudge against Mar.

June 18. 12. George Creyhton to James Tyrie, Assistant of the Society of Jesus at Rome. A meeting with the Earl of Huntly and Father Gordon, with whom was the Earl of Erroll. 106 is there on his own private matters. Pury Ogilvy has arrived from Scotland, and mediates Italy. Sanquhar to set off for Scotland within six days. Seminary matters. Money received from Bologna, Sicily, and Milan. Thomas Cheyne has been through Italy; expedience of his being sent to Spain; first, however, he must go to Cardinal Caietanus to get what he can, as there is no charity where he is. Thomas Tyrie is ill. Father Morton badly treated in Scotland, and in danger of his life; the Ministers urge his torture and the Queen of England desires his death, that the Pope may put away all hope of the King of Scotland. He [Creyhton] desired to go to Scotland because it was so wished in Scotland, but he is ready to stay where he is and to die there. Affairs are not so ordered that the English nobles can go to Scotland yet. A brother of Gordon's is there [Antwerp] with Huntly. George Elphinstone is to go to Louvain to superintend the seminary. Archibald Hamilton must not go to Scotland. Mark Ker. Thomas Lyon has been sent there to recover his sight, but it would be better that he went back to Scotland. 341 must not go to 464. Lat.

June 18. 13. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Mar comforted by the King. The Chancellor disclaims participation in the Queen's motion respecting the Prince. The King's suspicions of Buccleuch and Glamis. Rumours about Tyrone. Unfriendly meetings on the Borders. In the conclusion of a book called "Rich his Farewell," printed in 1594, such matter is noted as the King is not pleased with; he says little but thinks the more.

June 19. 14. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. A passport requested by Lord Sanquhar, a confirmed papist. Bothwell, rejected by the French King, has been sent for by Huntly to join with him and Erroll.

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June 20. Linlithgow. 15. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The emulation between the Queen and Mar. The desired removal of the Prince. The King's opposition to any change. The Chancellor's opinion in favour of Mar. The King and Queen's opposite wishes. The Prior of Blantyre directed to travail between the Chancellor and Mar.

June 22. Dumbarton. 16. John Achinros to George Nicolson. The aid for the Earl of Tyrone; offers made to his master [M'Lane]. Argyll had sent for M'Lane, and desired that he might be well entertained.

June 23. Edinburgh. 17. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Argyll's promises and efforts to stay the Highlanders from going to Ireland. An attempt to capture Tyrone. Maconochie's desertion of Argyll. An interview with the King for staying the Scots from joining the Irish. M'Lane waiting for Argyll. Proceedings of Tyrone in Ireland. Movements of the Scottish Court. The custody of the young Prince. Some one to go to England for the King's gratuity. Mr. Colville must be remembered. Herries. Atholl very sick. Building of kirks. Burning of witches.

June 25. Edinburgh. 18. John Cunningham, Burgess of Edinburgh, to Mr. Bowes. Forwards letters from M'Lane and his servant Achinros. Promised Argyll to speak with M'Lane. M'Lane craves Argyll's assistance. Their power in the Highlands. *Incloses*,

18. i. *John Achinros to John Cunningham. Pressing of Scotchmen for Ireland. They are uncertain of M'Lane's favour, therefore stay for the present to his great charges. Much silver gotten by the Islesmen from Ireland. M'Lane could have had a large part if he liked.*

Dumbarton, June 22.

June 25. Edinburgh. 19. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Has sent word to Argyll to deal with M'Lane in a certain matter. M'Lane will not act as it for her Majesty, having his "particular" against Tyrone. Offers made to M'Lane. Lawers not going on as he began. Movements of the Scottish Court. The King's deadly hatred against Buccleuch, Sir George Home, and Cessford. Border matters. General Assembly of ministers at Montrose. Secret movements of Buccleuch. The King of Spain borrowing upon interest, notwithstanding the eighteen millions brought there. The young Prince [of Scotland] is "spayned."

June 28. Stirling. 20. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Suspicious quietness. Ill will betwixt Mar and the Chancellor. The late accidental slaughter of David Foster. Suspicion of the Queen, the Chancellor, and Glamis. The King promises to assist Mar.

June 28. Doune. 21. Earl of Murray and Henry Stewart, his tutor, to Mr. Colville. Return thanks for the favourable passport procured for them, and inform him that they delay using it, being advised that the time is not proper to visit foreign countries.

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22. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. The news received concerning the Earl [Bothwell]’s disgrace and sickness is not true. One of his company is sent to confer with Huntly, Erroll, and the Bishop of Ross. What answer is he to give to the inclosed letter ? *Incloses,*

22. 1. *Earl of Bothwell to Mr. Archibald Douglas.* Wishes news and advice. Begs him to assist any of his people, who shall pass through England to their speedy dispatch, especially such as shall bring his hounds and horses, which are for the use of his Majesty [the King of France].

Paris, June 17.

June 30.

Ayr.

23. James Fullerton to George Nicolson. He and his brother will address their letters, to him and his master [Mr. Bowes], to Mr. William Oliphant. Ships keeping the coast of Ireland. Spears carried to Buccleuch.

June 30.

Edinburgh.

24. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Queen makes her motion to the King about the custody of the Prince; the King refuses to accede to it. Licence granted to Mar to avenge the slaughter of David Foster. He is to meet Argyll, Morton, and his other friends on the subject. Border matters. Complaint of Buccleuch, of the burning of a town of his by the Chingles.

July 2.

Stirling.

25. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Recommends the bearer. Certain matters are committed to him which he dared not put to paper. Begs advice and assistance.

July 4.

Castle Carrick.

26. Lauchlane M’Lane of Doward to Sir Robert Cecil. Thanks for favour shown to John Cunningham. Has answered his commission at length to Mr. Bowes.

July 4.

Castle Carrick.

27. Lauchlane M’Lane to Mr. Bowes. Informs him of those whom he can stay from going to Ireland. Great offers were made to himself, which he refused. Six hundred men were sustained by him for three months, but he was forced to disband them. Macowell prepares in consequence to pass to Ireland; and some of his [M’Lane’s] followers desire to go with them, but he will stay them. Need of some pinnaces.

July 5.

Stirling.

28. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Meeting of Lennox, Argyll, Morton, and others; Mar “exposes” the matter of the slaughter of his servant to them; they promise their assistance. Expected troubles.

July 5.

Edinburgh.

29. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Three thousand men ready to go from the Isles to the assistance of Tyrone. Lawers refuses to proceed without relief. Justice offered to Buccleuch at the hands of Lord Scrope. The King forbids Buccleuch to proceed in the matter. Secret conference between the Queen, the Chancellor, Buccleuch, and others.

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July 7. 30. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr Bowes]. Everything depending on the funeral [of Mar's servant]. The Queen will attempt to reconcile Mar and the Chancellor.

July 7. 31. Anonymous to [Mr. Bowes]. George Ker and Lethington gone to France. Offer made by the Chancellor to Lethington to stay. A secret marriage. The controversy between Montrose and Sir James Sandilands. The men of the Isles increasing daily for Ireland.

July 8. Edinburgh. 32. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Highlanders in arms in great numbers for Ireland. Their overtures to Argyll and M'Lane. Junior [Lawers] will do good service for her Majesty if he be "considered." Tyrone ready to come in on Lord Essex's word. Justice offered to be done to Buccleuch by Lord Scrope. Father Morton the Jesuit. Arrival of Lord Sanquhar. The approaching burial of David Forster. Mar will go with three thousand gentlemen. News from Ireland.

July 9. Edinburgh. 33. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. No further dealing expected touching the Prince. Expected "attempts" to be committed by Buccleuch in England. The King forbids them. Approaching burial of Mar's servant; five thousand men expected to attend it. Buccleuch and Cessford have sent for all their forces. Colonel Stewart is preparing to levy men to serve against the Turk.

July 9. Edinburgh. 34. Anonymous to [Mr. Bowes]. Mr. Dickson's uncle returned, but whether he has brought anything for his nephew he knows not.

July 9. Edinburgh. 35. John Cunningham to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane's good mind to the Queen if she will employ him. His efforts to stay the Highlanders from going to Ireland. Trouble between Argyll and Angus Maconell. A combat appointed between the latter and the Provost of Killmun.

July 12. Edinburgh. 36. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Proclamation forbidding provisions to pass to Angus Maconell. The manner of the funeral of David Forster. Enmity between Mar and the Chancellor. The Queen something crazed; her device to get possession of the Prince. Lord Sanquhar examined by the Ministers.

July 13. Edinburgh. 37. John Cunningham to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane's good mind towards her Majesty if she will employ him. His efforts to stay the Highlanders from going to Ireland. *Incloses,*

37. i. *John Achinros to John Cunningham. M'Lane gone home; his efforts to stay the Scots from going to Ireland.*
Dumbarton, July 9.

July 14. London. [Stirling.] 38. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Burial of Mar's murdered servant. The murder evidently proceeded from the Queen, the Chancellor, and Glamis. State of the Court.

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July 15. Edinburgh. 39. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Mr. Dickson will undertake the office requested of him. He wishes a passport to go through England. Argyll is sick and thought to be bewitched. M'Lane's willingness to serve against Tyrone. Lord Sanquhar will satisfy the Kirk. Disagreement between the King and Queen.

July 16. Edinburgh. 40. Anonymous [Robert Aston] to Mr. Bowes. The King's resolution in respect to the required removal of the Prince. The Queen's efforts to obtain it. The King's anxiety to remove the differences between the Chancellor and Mar. Expected troubles.

July 18. 41. Proclamation by King James, forbidding any assistance to be given to Angus Maconnel and others, who were going to Ireland to join the Earl of Tyrone.

July 18. 42. A copy of the same proclamation.

July 18. 43. Another copy.

July 19. Edinburgh. 44. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Argyll has written to stay Angus Maconnell from going to Ireland; Maconnell's hasty answer; a single combat appointed. Angus apologises. Proceedings of the rebels in Ireland. Suspicions of Buccleuch and Cessford. The King, Queen, and Court.

July 19. Edinburgh. 45. John Cunningham to Mr. Bowes. Incloses a letter from Achinros. M'Lane expecting to hear from him. The sooner he is made their friend the better. *Incloses,*

45. *I. John Achinros to John Cunningham. Argyll to return shortly into Argyll. M'Lane then to be sent for. The men of the North are making for Ireland.*

Dumbarton, July 16.

July 19. Edinburgh. 46. George Areskyn to Mr. Bowes. Makes suggestions for preventing the Highlanders from going to Ireland.

July 19. Stirling. 47. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Baptism of Mar's son. The King resolved that the Prince shall not be removed. The late murder. Certain things committed to Mr. Primrose which he cannot write. Argyll is convalesced, and Lawers will omit no good office.

July 19. Stirling. 48. Mr. Patrick Symson, minister, to Walter Bacanquell. The Polonian excommunicated for papistry; his obstinacy; his apprehension after going to the papist Lords. Letters brought by him in favour of Bothwell.

July 19. Edinburgh. 49. Earl of Argyll to Mr. Bowes. Perceives the continuance of the rebellion in Ireland, and the preparations of the Islesmen to go there. Has endeavoured to stay their passage, but the jealousy conceived of his intentions makes the same more difficult.

July 22. Dumbarton. 50. John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. Scots passed to Ireland. Number of men raised by MacOnell and others. M'Lane will compell them to return. His intention to proceed against Tyrone.

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July 22. Dumbarton. 51. John Achinros to George Nicolson. M^lane's readiness to do her Majesty's service; his charges in sustaining six hundred men; his dissolving them. Three thousand have gone to Ireland, but he will make them return. Difficulties. A ship to be sent to Doward.

July 22. Dumbarton. 52. John Achinros to George Nicolson. Twenty-five hundred men gone to Ireland. Interview with M^lane to excuse their going. Angus Maconell has sent five hundred more; their want of ammunition.

July 22. Stirling. 53. George Areskyn to George Nicolson. Joining of the Islesmen with MacOnell. Their intention to go to Ireland. Difficulty of Argyll's preventing them. Their jealousies of him. Necessity of intercepting them with vessels.

July 23. Edinburgh. 54. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Important communication respecting Ireland. Twenty-six gallies at sea bound for Ireland or Argyll. The Chancellor refuses to attend the King's summons for his reconciliation with Mar.

July 23. Greenwich. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Argyll. Expresses her thanks for his great care in such things as have of late been recommended to him by Mr. Bowes, and begs him to let his cousin M^lane see how well he is disposed towards her, as that will much direct his courses, and for which she will ever be found most ready to requite him. [Vol. lii., p. 110.]

July 24. Edinburgh. 55. George Nicolson to [Mr. Bowes]. Has delivered the "tokens" to Achinros and Lawers; their thanks, and readiness to do further service. Necessity of Argyll and M^lane's also feeling her Majesty's bounty, or the Islanders will not be stopped. State of the Scottish Court.

July 24. Stirling. 56. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The King removing to Falkland. Great persuasions to draw him to Edinburgh to see the Queen. The Chancellor speaks much in praise of Mar. Power of Mar. The Ministers about to proceed against the murderers. Church matters. Dealings for Angus, who promises never to swerve again.

July 24. Edinburgh. 57. Anonymous [Colville] to George Nicolson. Reported Assembly at Edinburgh, and intended change. The King's manly resolution to go there. Begs him to forward this with his former letters.

July 24. Edinburgh. 58. Filius [John Achinros] to Mr. Bowes. The navy of the Islesmen gone for Ireland. Their number and leaders. Number sent by Angus MacOnell. MacOnell sends for Maconochie to pass with him. Junior [Lawers] is gone to stay him. Argyll is gone homeward. Returns thanks for fifty crowns.

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July 24. Edinburgh. 59. John Cunningham to Mr. Bowes. Donald Gorme is coming to Angus MacOnell with his company. Their object is probably the Isle of Man rather than Ireland. Necessity of the Queen's securing M'Lane to her service.

July 25. Carrick. 60. George Areskyn to George Nicolson. His master [Argyll] has arrived there. The Islesmen threatening them; their intention to spoil the Isle of Man; their strength. Jealousy against Argyll.

July 26. 61. Anonymous [John Colville] to [George Nicolson]. The King will not side with the Chancellor. Favour and power of Mar; the King's wish for him to retain the custody of the Prince. Bothwell's people set against him.

July 26. Edinburgh. 62. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Islanders at sea; their object. Argyll tempted by them. Necessity of securing him. The King's sudden arrival at Edinburgh. The Queen's feigned sickness. Buccleuch and Cessford offended with the King. The Queen's wish to have the custody of the Prince. An intention to detain the King, and remove the Prince from the custody of Mar. The purpose put off.

July 26. Holyrood. 63. [Roger Aston] to [Mr. Bowes]. Sudden arrival of the King. The Queen's intended motion. The King's opposition to it. The Chancellor discovers himself. Strength of the two factions.

July 29. Stirling. 64. Anonymous [John Colville] to [George Nicolson]. Movements of the King, Queen, and Earl of Mar. Mar's day of law. The King's courage. The King's heart tied to Mar.

July 30. Edinburgh. 65. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Uncertainty about the Islanders. The Queen's ships terrify them. Warning sent to the Isle of Man. The Queen's motion respecting the custody of the Prince; the King's opposition to it. The late meaning to detain the King. Mar. Approaching day of law for the murder of David Forster.

July 31. Dumbarton. 66. John Achinros to George Nicolson. Informs him of the landing of the Islanders at Mull, and of M'Lane's march against them and victory, having taken the whole number prisoners.

July 31. 67. George Areskyn to George Nicolson. Arrival of the Islesmen near Mull; their deliberations, and intentions; departure for Ireland. M'Lane's attack and defeat of the Clanrafnalds.

July 31. Edinburgh. 68. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. The cause of the troubles there. The plot between the Queen and the Chancellor. The Queen's desire for the removal of the Prince from the custody of Mar. Duplicity of the Chancellor. A meeting appointed by the King between him and Mar. A device to get the King to Edinburgh. Pretended sickness of the Queen. The Queen makes her suit to the King; he refuses it. The King quarrels with the Chancellor. An intention to stay the King.

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July 31. 69. Proclamation of the King of Scots' intended rode upon the Borders, for the doing of such matters as may tend to the observation of peace and good rule, within that country.

August 1. 70. John Achinros to Mr. George Nicolson. A letter for Mr. Bowes. M'Lane not idle. Receipt of money. Proclamation against assisting the rebels in Ireland.

August 1. 71. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Intention of the Islesmen against the Isle of Man. Great appearance of troubles. Ill case of Buccleuch, Cessford, and Glamis. Buccleuch's complaint against Lord Scrope.

August 2. 72. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The King's courageous behaviour to Glamis and the Chancellor; his reproof of the Chancellor. The Chancellor's promises. The Islesmen dissolved.

August 4. 73. John Cunningham to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane's good beginning; his faith and honesty. Has written to him according to George Nicolson's direction. *Incloses,*

73. i. *John Achinros to Mr. John Cunningham. M'Lane's defeat of the Clanranalds. Begs the delivery of a letter to Nicolson.* Dumbarton, July 31.

August 4. 74. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Queen going to Falkland. Edinburgh. The King going to hunt. Fast appointed by the Kirk. Disunion between the King and Queen. Good beginning of M'Lane.

August 4. 75. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane's valiant action; Edinburgh. three thousand Islesmen still gone forward; their return must be obtained by Argyll and M'Lane; their request to Argyll for his countenance; offers to be made to Argyll. Argyll waits to see how her Majesty will deal with him. M'Lane will take her token in good part.

August 5. 76. James Colville, Laird of East Wemyss, to Mr. Bowes. The King's sudden arrival at Edinburgh; his mind towards Mar. Discontent of the Chancellor. Glamis not to come near the Court.

August 6. 77. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. Has been at Bassendean. Falkland with the King, and has discharged as much of the commission, which was given to him by the Prior, as he dared. The King's ignorance of the intended violent courses. Terms between the King and the Chancellor.

August 6. 78. Advertisements from Scotland:—Imprisonment of Angus at Lochleven; offers made for him. The opposite factions of the King and Queen. Geneva “belayed” by the Duke of Savoy.

August 7. 79. Earl of Argyll to Queen Elizabeth. Returns thanks for her favour and good will, which he will endeavour to merit, especially by assisting her against her rebels in Ireland.

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August 7. 80. Earl of Argyll to Mr. Bowes. Her Majesty's favour greater than he has deserved. The Islesmen passed to Ireland. The impossibility of his staying them.

August 7. 81. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Letter from the Laird of Lawers. What are they to do? The King gone to Falkland. The members convened at Edinburgh. A new strife is like to arise between the Chancellor and the Queen. The day of law is not to hold till the King comes to Edinburgh.

August 7. 82. Anonymous [Archibald Primrose] to [John Colville]. The King of Spain's offers to the King of Scots, if he will give the papists liberty of conscience. The King's intention to ride in person to keep his promise to her Majesty and the Ministry; little faith to be placed in him or his nobles. Ambassadors arrived from the States to renew the league. Mar and the Duke will intercede with the King for him [Colville]. [*The names in cipher.*]

August 9. 83. Filius [John Achinros] to George Nicolson. Communication between M'Lane and Angus MacOnell. Reported defeat of the Islesmen by some English vessels. Maconochie's repair to Ireland.

August 9. 84. Alexander Dicsone to Mr. Bowes. Thanks him for his loving mind and friendly endeavours, and professes a desire to do all good offices in return towards him and his Sovereign. In reply to his request, he informs him that after he had left the schools his genius and his youth inclined him mickle to the knowledge of the affairs of the North, and that he gave himself to follow my Lord of Leicester, Sir Philip Sidney, and divers others the courtiers of the time; and he liked mickle, for the same cause, to be acquainted with strangers and Ambassadors, and this was the ground of his resort to De L'Aubespine, and so he got all such discourses as he could, published or unpublished, as might advance his knowledge of the times he lived in. Describes the papers and books he possessed, and offers to write to Mons. De L'Aubespine to prove the truth of his statement. Assures him that since he came into Scotland he never had any kind of commerce or intelligence, by word or writing, with any manner of man in England or any other of her Majesty's territories. [*Among the papers and books described in this letter were,*
A discourse of Sir Philip Sidney, anent the marriage with the brother of France.
A letter of his to his brother, anent the use and end of travelling.
His answer and challenge to the pretedit scoler of Cambridge, in defense of his uncle.
and various State Papers.]

August 10. 85. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's letters to Argyll. The Islesmen gone to Ireland; their message to Argyll and M'Lane; efforts to stay them. Appointed combat between the Provost of Kilmun and Angus MacOnell. Twenty pounds given to George Erskin. The only way to "wrack" Tyrone is to pursue him in the North with a force of Scottish Islesmen.

August 11. 86. Queen Elizabeth. Privy Seal for payment of 3,000*l.* to Mr. David Foulis for the King of Scots.

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August. 87. Queen Elizabeth to King James. May it agree with her deserts that what hath been should ever be so forgotten as not to be acknowledged, or so neglected as if ought were foreshewn which were meet for the season? Was it her guilt or his error that his rebels had such strong hold in his favour, and were so dandled? What needed an army to pursue them, and why need he put his own person to such a laborious voyage? Would God he cared as much for his diseased state as she has narrowly watched to see him preserved. If his traitors shall any way assail him, they shall find her awake. [*In the handwriting of the Earl of Essex.*]

August 15. 88. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King and Queen lovingly together. Effect of Mr. Galloway's sermon, about the duties of man and wife, on the Queen. Reconciliation effected between the Queen and the King. Mr. David Black reproved for irreverent mention of the late Queen of Scots in his sermon. Offers made for Angus.

August 15. 89. Anonymous [Roger Aston] to Mr. Bowes. The Chancellor unwilling to confess anything respecting the late course thought to have been intended against the King, but he undertakes to warn him in future. The Queen obedient to the King. Mr. Galloway's admonition of the Queen in his sermon. Defeat of Angus MacOnell's men by a pinnace of her Majesty's.

August 18. 90. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Movements of the King. The Queen's promise to come to Stirling. Her unwillingness to do so. Uncertainty of Mars' day of law. Glamis requests audience of the Queen, and is refused.

August 20. 91. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The King's intended progress. The Chancellor to meet him at Hamilton and reveal all he promised. Mar speaks with the Queen. Efforts to reconcile Mar and the Chancellor.

August 20. 92. Roger Aston to George Nicolson. Defeat of the Highlandmen by her Majesty's ships. Particulars. Bad state of the weather.

August 20. 93. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of George Peele, that he may have redress for the loss of his goods "wranguslie" taken by the English.

August 22. 94. Lauchlane M'Lane of Doward to Mr. Bowes. Thanks for Garvie in Argyll. the Queen's token of a thousand crowns. His stoppage of eight or nine hundred men. Their designs on the Isle of Man. Pledges taken of them.

August 22. 95. John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. A mistake made by John Garvie. Cunningham in reporting to M'Lane a speech made by Sir Robert Cecil. The Earl [Argyll] is not idle.

August 22. 96. Filius [John Achinros] to George Nicolson. Retreat of Angus MacOnell from Ireland with the loss of his best men. Argyll intends to invade him. Proceedings of the Laird of Lawers.

August 22. 97. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane has stayed seven or eight hundred more men from going to Tyrone. Reported preparations of the Spaniards. Directions to Huntly and Erroll by the King of Spain. The King's favour to Mar. Sickness of the Chancellor.

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August 24. 98. George Areskyn to George Nicolson. The Clandonalds are come home. The M'Leods. Her Majesty's bounty for M'Lane to be hastened. The Islesmen enraged at the loss sustained from her ships.

August 24. 99. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Heartburning between the King and Queen. The Chancellor blows the bellows. The persons suspected of the late murder. Friendship between Hamilton and Mar. Angus not likely to get any conditions from the Church.

August 25. 100. Anne Queen of Scotland to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of a poor man who had been twice damnified and impoverished by the piracies of the English.

August 25. 101. George Nicolson to [Mr. Bowes]. The Islesmen broken and returned. M'Leod of Harris stays to have revenge of the English, for the losses lately sustained from them.

August 25. 102. Advices from Edinburgh. The Queen and Mar agreed. Angus to be banished. A French Ambassador coming. Buccleuch to be banished. Sickness of the Chancellor.

August 26. 103. Roger Aston to George Nicolson. Apprehension of William Cardonel. Wilson and John Wilson, at Glasgow. Wine found in their boat instead of powder. The King is hunting, and returns to Stirling about the 4th of next month.

August 29. 104. John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane's interview with the King; his assurance of assistance to her Majesty.

[August.] 105. A note of monies delivered to the King of Scots out of the Exchequer of England.

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[Sept.] 1. 1. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The Chancellor's excuses for not attending the King. Report of an enterprise intended by him [the Chancellor] and his faction against Mar. Offence taken against himself [Colville] in England. [Dated October 1, by mistake].

Sept. 1. 2. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. A complaint made by her Majesty to the King of Scots of some disorder on the Borders. The King's favourable reception of M'Lane. Two armies in Ireland. Tyrone's rebellion. Report of an enterprise intended by the Chancellor. Death of Atholl; the Earldom in the King's gift.

Sept. 4. 3. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The King's anxiety not to offend her Majesty. Deadly sickness of the Chancellor. The King's letter to him. Death of Atholl. Bowes to return to Scotland.

Sept. 8. 4. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Richard Douglas' communication with Angus, to induce him to withdraw from Huntly and Erroll, and to expose their plans to her Majesty; Angus' answer. Practices are intended against her Majesty, which he will reveal also.

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Sept. 9. 5. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. Has written to Mr. Bowes to move him [Cecill] to intercede with her Majesty for him [Aston], in respect of his long service, and the great charges he has been at by her Majesty's commandment.

Sept. 9. 6. Anonymous [George Erskin] to [Mr. Nicolson]. Argyll has sent to Macleod to return from Ireland. Captain Thornton anchored in the Sound of Mull. He requests an interview with M'Lane. Affairs of Ireland.

Sept. 10. 7. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests help of money, and professes his devotion to the Queen's service.

Sept. 10. 8. Anonymous to Mr. Bowes. Favour shown to Angus. The Chancellor's promised disclosures. The King's indifference at his illness. Loose state of affairs on the Borders.

Sept. 10. 9. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The Chancellor's pretended sickness. Hatred between him and Mar. A device of Lady Bothwell's. Cessford, Home, and their folk will be ready at an hour's warning. Mar to be forewarned of their intentions. [Part in cipher.]

Sept. 11. 10. Duncan M'Dougall to Mr. Bowes. Offers of service, and directions for the forwarding his letters.

Sept. 11. 11. Anonymous to Mr. Bowes. The King has sent the Abbot of Holyrood to talk with a certain man who has a message from the Catholic Lords. Loose state of the Borders.

Sept. 12. 12. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane's communication with Captain Thornton. Argyll and M'Lane too long delayed. Angus MacOneill's son in Ireland. Ill rule on the Borders. The Chancellor's illness. Atholl's lands. Good service of Mr. Colville, and his need. [Part in cipher.]

Sept. 12. 13. Lauchlane M'Lane of Doward to Mr. Bowes. His conference with Captain Thornton and his advice to him as to the best means for her Majesty to dissolve the enormous storms which have threatened her jurisdictions. His directions for the receipt of a "token" sent by her Majesty. Expediency of Mr. Bowes' return to Scotland.

Sept. 12. 14. Lauchlane M'Lane to Sir Robert Cecill. His advice to Captain Thornton. His exertions for her Majesty against Tyrone. The "token" sent him from her Majesty.

Sept. 19. 15. John Achinros to George Nicolson. M'Lane's interview with Thornton. His marvel at the stay of the "token." Great slaughter in Ireland and defeat of the English. Angus MacOneill's son. Necessity of Bowes' return. Angus MacOneill coming to Argyll.

Sept. 19. 16. Lauchlane M'Lane to Mr. Bowes. His conference with Thornton. Her Majesty's "token." His determination against Tyrone. Necessity of his [Bowes'] return.

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Sept. 19. Edinburgh. 17. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Border disorders. Illness of the Chancellor; a minister sent for; the Chancellor's contrition and confession. The Queen's disfavour to Mar. Buccleuch's, Cessford's, and the Chancellor's agents with her; their intention to follow out their platt. A barring out at the High School; a man shot; trial of one of the boys.

Sept. 20. Inverary. 18. John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. Tyrone's overtures to M'Lane. M'Lane's preparations against him. Angus MacOnell coming to Argyll. Tyrone's fear of M'Lane. Necessity of attacking Ireland on both sides.

Sept. 21. [Stirling.] 19. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Great pains taken to make an assurance between Mar and his neighbours. The Abbot of Melrose gone to collect his tithes. Cessford will resist. Colville goes to-day to meet his old friend Lord John Hamilton. [Part in cipher.]

[Sept.] 20. Alexander Dicson to George Nicolson. Mr. Bowes to be informed of the arrival of Macwhinnie, the priest, who has come through England.

Sept. 22. Edinburgh. 21. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The Chancellor's illness. The King's care. Movements of the Court. Death of Atholl; dealing for his Earldom. Richard Douglas's audience of the King; his suit for Archibald Douglas to return home; the King's refusal.

Sept. 22. Edinburgh. 22. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's care for the redress of Lord Scrope's complaints. The Chancellor's dangerous sickness. Angus abroad in the North. The crew are preparing for a new day.

Sept. 24. Edinburgh. 23. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane returned to Inverary. Thornton departed with letters to Sir Robert Cecil. Friendship of Argyll and M'Lane. Necessity of bestowing a reasonable sum on both that they may assist her Majesty. Offers made to them by the rebels.

Sept. 24. 24. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Movements of the King and Queen. The Chancellor's danger. Intended raid on the West Borders. Himself to travail for the alliance of Hamilton and the Duke [Lennox].

Sept. 24. 25. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Requests to know how he is to act in a matter which he had before communicated to him. Sends news of Erroll and Huntly received from the Continent.

Sept. 28. 26. Advices from Scotland:—The Queen's quarrel with Mar; the Queen of England's request to the King in regard to the Chancellorship; Buccleuch expects to be apprehended by the King.

Oct. 1. Inverary. 27. Lauchlane M'Lane to George Nicolson. In favour of an Englishman who has had the misfortune to kill a person in single combat, and in whose behalf he is requested to intercede with the King of Scots, for the procuring of his pardon from the Queen of England.

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Oct. 3. 28. Sir William Russell, Lord Deputy of Ireland, to Mr. Bowes, Dublin Castle. the English Ambassador in Scotland. Offers received from the Earl of Argyll and Lord M'Lane. Proclamation against the Scottish-Irish rebels. Has written to M'Lane to know if 2,000 Scots could be spared to serve the Queen against the Earl and the other Northern rebels, as the English are very sick and weak. *Incloses,*

28. i. *Information delivered by Captain George Thornton to the Lord Deputy. Forwardness of the Earl of Argyll and M'Lane to serve against Tyrone. M'Lane's offer of 3,000 Scots.* Oct. 1.

28. ii. *Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to the Lord Deputy. In answer to the message sent by Captain Thornton, for stay of his neighbours in the Islands of Scotland from aiding the Earl of Tyrone. Her Majesty must first confirm the Earl of Argyll in friendship towards herself, and set down a settled course whereby the enormous storms that have threatened the English jurisdiction may be dissolved.*

Doward, Sept. 12.

Oct. 3. 29. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Movements of the Court. Edinburgh The Chancellor's danger; Robert Bruce and others gone to him; his contrition. Secret meeting between Glamis, Buccleuch, and others.

Oct. 3. 30. Laird of Wemyss to . A letter in cipher from Antwerp. Preparations making in Spain. Huntly not come from Rome. One passed to him with commissions. Colonel Stewart in Denmark. The King of Denmark in Brunswick. Foreign news.

Oct. 3. 31. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane cannot do her Edinburgh service unless Argyll is employed. His "token" of 2,000 crowns expected from her Majesty. The rebels expect aid from Spain. Border matters. Open movements of Angus. Movements of the Court. The Chancellor's illness.

Oct. 4. 32. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Death of the Chancellor. Edinburgh Glamis and the two Lairds will now throw all the blame of their proceedings, in respect to the young Prince, on him.

Oct. 5. 33. Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to Mr. Bowes. Return of Inverary. Angus MacOnell from Ireland. Donald Gorme written for. His [M'Lane's] expectation of the Queen's "token." Sues in behalf of one M'Neill, who has had the misfortune to kill a gentleman in single combat.

Oct. 5. 34. Captain Charles Eggarton to Mr. Bowes, Ambassador in Scotland. Knockfergus. Information respecting an Englishman named Francis Moumford, who had come over to Scotland to procure a passage to Spain, being sent by Tyrone to solicit aid from that Court.

Oct 7. 35. Charles Eggarton to Mr. Robert Bowes. Desires him to Knockfergus. forward a letter for the Lord Treasurer. His [Eggarton's] wife was the daughter of Sir Henry Gates. Information concerning Francis Moumford, who was commissioned by the Earl of Tyrone to solicit aid from Spain.

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Oct. 7. 36. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Particulars referred to Mr. Primrose. Death of the Chancellor. His [Colville's] hope that the door will not now be barred on him. Angus likely to find favour. His [Colville's] efforts to knit up the marriage between the Duke and Hamilton. [*The names in cipher.*]

Oct. 8. 37. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Border matters. Angus to confer with some of the Ministers. Huntly and Erroll to come home. The Chancellor's godly end; doubts about his successor. Movements of the Court and nobles.

Oct. 9. 38. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Forwards letters from George Nicolson.

Oct. 9. 39. John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. Tyrone's loss of the help of the Scotchmen; his anxiety to procure M'Lane's assistance; his token sent to himself [Achinros]. M'Lane's friends blame him for refusing Tyrone's offers.

Oct. 11. 40. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Wishes to know at what hour he may see him, as his nephew, Mr. Richard Douglas, has brought him a letter and other directions from the King. [*Partly in cipher.*]

Oct. 13. 41. Robert Godfrey to Mr. Bowes. A quarrel between Huntly and Erroll, the Bishop of Ross, James Gordon, and Father Crichton being present. Huntly to go to Scotland; Erroll to remain.

Oct. 15. 42. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Returns thanks for twenty yards of fine black velvet sent to his wife, and begs that he will accept his good will, as the Emperor did the hat full of water.

Oct. 15. 43. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Regret for the Chancellor; no one qualified to succeed him. Custody of the Privy Seal. Three witches who dealt with Bothwell sent out of Caithness.

Oct. 15. 44. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The Chancellorship likely to fall on Mar. The Duke seeks the Seal. Colville in good hope of favour. The late Chancellor's penitence and regret for giving partial information against John Knox and other good men.

Oct. 15. 45. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Is dealing with Maconochie. Affairs of Ireland. Custody of the Seal. The Chancellorship. Angus. The Queen continues her purpose aent Mar. The Chancellor to be buried on the 7th of next month.

Oct. 20. 46. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's letter to the King of Scots. Border matters. Mar to be Chancellor and Montrose Treasurer. Buccleuch and Cessford seeking the King's favour. Desires he will send him the Queen's picture in the best manner, either whole length or from the waist up.

Oct. 20. 47. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's receipt of her Majesty's letter. State of the Borders. A meeting between the Maxwells and Douglases. The Convention. Montrose expected to be Treasurer. Glamis to be put at as the mover of the Queen's intention for taking the Prince from Mar. Kindness between the King and Queen. The children of the High School to be called again before the Provost, and offered an assize.

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Oct. 24. Linlithgow. 48. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Has given order for the satisfying of her request for the redress of some disorders in the Marches; and, concerning the exemptions which she craves to be removed, will satisfy Mr. Bowes on his return.

Oct. 25. 49. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The Convention postponed. Order to be taken for quieting the feuds between Maxwell and Johnston. A foray in Annandale. Candidates for the Chancellorship.

Oct. 26. Linlithgow. 50. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Deadly feud between Lawers and the Macfarlanes. The vacant Chancellorship. The Convention. Border enmities. The Treasurership.

Oct. 26. Linlithgow. 51. Roger Aston to George Nicolson. The King's answer to her Majesty's letter. The Borderers to be there on the 1st of next month. The King purposes to take a sound course with them.

Oct. 26. Edinburgh. 52. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The Convention to meet on the 1st. Border matters. Rival candidates for the Chancellorship. Intentions of Buccleuch and Cessford against Mar. Meeting between Hamilton and Mar. Movements of the Court.

Nov. 1. Stirling. 53. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. The Convention. The Chancellor. Border matters. Mar and his neighbours. France and Spain are "accorded" to the prejudice of England, but he hopes their Deborah shall yet prevail over all idolatrous enemies.

Nov. 2. Edinburgh. 54. George Nicolson to [Mr. Bowes]. The Convention. Cessford has satisfied the King anent the Borders. Buccleuch to give like contentment shortly. General quiet.

Nov. 3. Linlithgow. 55. John Achinros to George Nicolson. Angus MacOnell has received no answer from Tyrone. Tyrone to make overtures to M'Lane. The English treating with Tyrone for an abstinence.

Nov. 5. 56. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The Convention deferred. The Queen reconciled to Mar. Mar to be reconciled to Glamis, Cessford, and Buccleuch. The vacant Chancellorship. The fray between Maxwell and Johnston. [*The names in cipher.*]

Nov. 6. Edinburgh. 57. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Reported fray between the Maxwells and Johnstons. Agreement between Mar and the Queen. Ill times between Mar, Cessford, and Glanis. Custody of the Great Seal. Approaching burial of the Chancellor. [*Names in cipher.*]

Nov. 6. Linlithgow. 58. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's reconciliation to Mar. Another Convention appointed. The Chancellorship. Fight between Herries and the Johnstons. Necessity of his [Bowes'] return.

Nov. 14. Edinburgh. 59. John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. M'Lane's need of the "token" promised by her Majesty. His expenses in the service of her Majesty. His pains and integrity. Overtures coming from Tyrone.

Nov. 15. Edinburgh. 60. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Angus MacOnell's request to the King that he might invade the Isle of Man. The Prior of Pluscardine is dealing to be Chancellor. The quarrel between Herries and Johnston. Suspicious letters. Movements of Argyll and M'Lane.

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Nov. 16. Aberdeen. 61. George Strathauchin [?] to George Nicolson. Wishes to know what he has learned of Mr. Anderson of Newcastle. There are many blithe there [Aberdeen] who look for strangers.

Nov. 16. Edinburgh. 62. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Glamis sent for to meet the King; his excuse. The President aspiring to be Chancellor. Angus Maconell's suit to the King to invade the Isle of Man.

Nov. 16. Edinburgh. 63. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The vacant Chancellorship. The approaching Convention. Concord to be made between Mar, Glamis, and others. Mar's day of law with his neighbours. Letters from Flanders intercepted.

Nov. 19. Edinburgh. 64. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Forwards letters from Mr. Aston. Movements of the King and Queen. Huntly and Erroll's friends in the North are blithe, looking for foreign forces. Argyll is generally looked for in the North to invade the Earls again.

Nov. 20. Foy. 65. Thomas Nicolsone to Mr. Bowes. Begs the forwarding of a little mass of letters to the right hand.

Nov. 27. 66. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Informs him of a request made by an Englishman, calling himself Tusser, for the conveyance of some letters to the Queen and Lord Buckhurst, and of arrangements which were made to send the letters with speed. There is a young man with him, whose name, Tusser says, is Wade, who seems to be a musician, and to have served Mr. Noell. The suspiciousness of the time makes him [Nicolson] cautious, so he has communicated the matter to Roger Aston, and hopes that whatever they may do shall be for the best.

Nov. 27. Edinburgh. 67. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Kind letters written by the King to Buccleuch and Cessford. "Platting" on both sides. Mar and the Prior very strong. Report of the intentions of the Spaniards to land in England. Treasure sent to Huntly and Erroll. The Spaniards' intention against the Isle of Man. Troubles in Ireland. Border matters. Secret offers of money to the King of Scots. Suspicious making of cocklauds and verses. The verses of Mr. W. Fowler are attributed to the King, who only laughs it over. *Incloses,*

67. i. *Substance of a letter written by Gilbert Lambe out of Bourdeaux the 15th of November, respecting the preparations of the Spanish navy.*

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Nov. 27. 68. Proclamation by King James, commanding a general "wapinschawing" on the 2d of February next, with a view to the defence of the kingdom against the detestable conspiracy against Christ and his Evangel presently in readiness.

Nov. 28. Edinburgh. 69. Anonymous to [Mr. Bowes]. Flattering verses given to the King by the composer; something in the French that concerns my Lord Treasurer. The King's verses against Mr. William Fouller. Others made against the Lord Treasurer of Scotland.

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Nov. 28. Edinburgh. 69*. Roger Aston to [the Scottish Ambassador at London]. The King has arrived, and the Council was convened yesterday. Order for a general muster of all the forces of the realm against the Spanish invasion. Minute of the King's speech concerning the dangers of the kingdom, and the threatened invasion by the Spaniards; his determination to aid England.

[Nov. 29.] 70. James Colvill, Laird of East Wemyss, to [Sir Robert Cecil]. Letters addressed to Mr. Bowes to which he has received no answer. Begs assistance that he may be encouraged to continue his service to her Majesty.

Nov. 29. Edinburgh. 71. James Colvill, of East Wemyss, to Mr. Bowes. Begs that he may not longer be kept in suspense, and offers his service to her Majesty, with some of the best fellows in the country.

Dec. 1. Edinburgh. 72. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The reported preparations of the Spaniards. The King's good will towards her Majesty. Proposed fortification of Leith. The Prior of Blantyre officiating as Chancellor. 'The Laird of Wemyss' offer of service. Border matters. Poverty of Mr. John Colville.

Dec. 1. Edinburgh. 73. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Agreement between Mar and Glamis. Conference between Mar and Buccleuch. All the blame laid on the late Chancellor. Election of Councillors. The King begins to act stoutly. Fortifications. Border matters. Movements of the Court. An Irishman has presented a pamphlet in verse to the King. He [Aston] and George [Nicolson] have been in great doubt about two passengers, who are down at the Ferry and seem to be employed for her Majesty's service. He wants her Majesty's picture, fair and large. Preparations against the Spaniards.

Dec. 1. Holyrood. 74. Proclamation by the King of Scotland, prohibiting intelligence with any persons of foreign nations.

Dec. 2. Holyrood. 75. Proclamation by the King of Scotland, commanding all persons to prepare themselves, and be in readiness "well bodin in feir of weir" to resist the landing of the enemy.

Dec. 3. 76. Names of the several shires of Scotland wherein forces are to be levied, and the several towns whither the said forces are to repair, by virtue of the foregoing proclamation.

Dec. 5. Edinburgh. 77. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Apprehension of two persons arrived from France. The King's proclamations. Cessford reconciled to Mar and Blantyre. Preparations. Arms sent into the North. Mr. Tusser and the Hamburg ship are blown back. The Earl of Menteith desires leave to go to France.

Dec. 4 & 5. 78. Anonymous to [Mr. Bowes]. The "controversies" among the Nobles to be made up. Preparations to resist the Spaniards. A general Muster to be held. Herries and Drumlanrig imprisoned. Buccleuch and Sir Robert Carr received at Court. Arrival of Walter Quin, an Irishman, learned, courtly, and well travelled, who has been with the King divers times and given him a treatise of poesie.

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Since these verses were exhibited to the King, what with speaking with the man, and what by sending of the verses, and the bruit arrived of the Spaniards, the King has become incredibly rejoiced.

[Dec.]

79. *Anagrammata in nomen Jacobi Sexti, sereniss., Scotorvm Regis, variis linguis inventa atque etiam earundem linguarum versibus et metris expressa, a Gualtero Quinno, Hiberno, qui, hoc deuotissimi animi et obsequii sui pignus, eidem pio, invicto, et clementissimo Principi, summâ animj demissione, dedicat et consecrat.**

Dec. 6.

80. Advices from Edinburgh :—Proceedings of the Convention ; the King's intention to reconcile the Nobles ; preparations against Spain ; a general Muster ; an Ambassador to go to England.

Dec. 7.

81. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Marriage of his [Colville's] daughter. Preparations against the Spaniard. The feud on the West Borders. A new Warden to be appointed. The King insists for the stay of Mar's day of law.

Dec. 15.
Edinburgh.

82. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Directions about Mr. Tusser. The Queen's good acceptance of his [Nicolson's] service ; his thanks.

Dec. 15.
Edinburgh.

83. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Weakness of the young Prince. Mar solicited to stay his day of law ; he refuses. Great dearth. The Queen's birthday. Border matters. Colonel Stewart's return. Reports of his dealings towards Spain. Directions from England about Mr. Tusser. Tusser's statements about the ship he came in, and the service he wishes to do her Majesty. One Englishman remembers Tusser in the Gatehouse in Westminster, in Lent last, for five pounds, but saith his name is not Tusser. His companion Wade plays very well on the lute and professed to be a musician, but now seems as if he were a merchant ; hopes he is not a merchant's man that hath left his master.

Dec. 16.
Edinburgh.

84. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. General appearance of quiet. Mar's approaching day of law with Dunipace ; the Queen's efforts to prevent it ; Mar refuses. The King's efforts to settle the Border affairs. The Provost of Edinburgh going to England. Huntly and Erroll about to make offers to content the King and Kirk.

Dec. 16.
Edinburgh.

85. Francis Tusser to Lord Buckhurst. Since his last the wind turned, and so the warrants of assistance came one tide too late ; but, as there has been a strong wind two days and a night, he thinks the ship must be driven back or put into England. Has sufficiently described the parties to my Lord, and how it shall appear that they are enemies to the state ; and has written a description of them to Mr. Deputy Governor of Berwick.

* This pamphlet, as it is called, in the letter of Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes, Dec. 1, *ante*, and which is alluded to in other letters, is the author's autograph manuscript, and consists of sixteen leaves. It contains one epigram, in Latin, Italian, English, and French. The English verses being sonnets inscribed "Charles James Stewart claims Arthur's seat," and "Charles James Stewart, ceass lets I am Arthur." These are followed by another poetical composition in French, entitled "Discours sur le mesme anagramme en forme de dialogue entre vn Zelateur du bien public, et une Dame laquelle represente le royaume d'Angleterre."

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Dec. 20. Doward. 86. Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to Mr. Bowes. He refused to aid the Earl of Tyrone and caused MacOnell to return from Ireland, and a token of 1,000 crowns was promised him from her Majesty. Marvels that it is so long in coming, and wishes to know whether the promise will be kept or not.

Dec. 20. Holyrood. 87. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In consequence of the great and almost universal failure of the crops of peas and beans, requests her help for the poor of his country, by granting licence for the exportation of 5,000 quarters.

Dec. 21. Edinburgh. 88. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Arrival of Argyll to "party" Mar in his action for David Forster's slaughter. The King forbids assistance to either party. The Queen's efforts to stay Mar's intentions. The town in arms. The King sends for Mar; result. Border matters. The Provost going up to England. Huntly and Erroll are coming to make offers to content the King and Kirk.

Dec. 22. Holyrood. 89. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The King's and Queen's efforts to stay Mar's day of law; result. Border matters.

Dec. 22. 90. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Mar's day of law deferred through the King's intercession. Disgrace of Mar; worse like to follow. Herries, Drumlanrig, and Johnston still in the castle.

Dec. 24. London. 91. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Forwards some letters which he received yesternight [from Scotland].

Dec. 28. 92. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Can hear of no overtire tending to the service of that estate, but he must present it to him. All there are expecting great matters from their enemies [the Spaniards]. The bearer is willing and sincere.

Dec. 29. Holyrood. 93. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. The King's resolution in all matters is the same. Spanish preparations. The King ready to concur with her Majesty. Great desire of his [Bowes] return. Carmichael appointed Warden. Richard Douglas' interview with the King.

Dec. 29. 94. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The King's intended alterations. Feuds to be made up. Mar and Leviston to be pacified. Good service to be expected from the Prior. Proclamation against intelligence with foreign nations.

Dec. 29. Edinburgh. 95. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. A book sent by Erroll to the King; the King offended; Quinn ascribes it to Henry Constable. Departure of Tusser and Wade. Proposed embassy of the Provost to England. Leviston, Mar, and their friends departed; greater malice between them. The day of law put off. The King's resolution against the Spaniards. Alterations to be effected by the King. Mr. Colville's conference with the Prior of Blantyre.

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96. Advertisements, by John Achinros from Scotland of Irish affairs :—Angus Maconell's dealing with M'Lane from Tyrone, Donald Gorme written for to come to Argyll, O'Donnell's letter to Argyll, &c.

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97. Relatione di Scotia sopra il modo di stabilirui la Religione Cattolica. Ital. [Twenty pages.]

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Jan ?

1. Anonymous [James Colvill, Laird of East Wemyss,] to [Mr. Bowes]. Six thousand Spaniards to descend in Ireland. An Ambassador to go from Spain to Scotland. Father Holt to have the distribution of some money in Scotland.

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2. Memorandum, by Sir Robert Cecil, of fictitious names to be used for George Cunningham's name and his own, in correspondence.

Jan. 7.
Edinburgh.

3. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Change in the King's collectors of his revenues. Johnston set at liberty. The Provost's intended journey to England. Putting off of the Earl of Mar's day of law. Cessford and Buccleuch in great displeasure.

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3*. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. The King's proclamation in regard to his religion, marvellously well done and some day to be printed. A seditious book in favour of Spain. A present of a purse of gold from the Queen to the King, on New Year's Day ; the King's wonder where she got it ; consequent change of officers. The Provost of Edinburgh going as Ambassador to England. [Dated December 7, in error.]

Jan. 11.
Edinburgh.

4. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Arrival of an Irishman from Rome ; letters to Tyrone and others found on him. Examination by the King. Letters to her Majesty. Report of Huntly and Erroll's return home. Buccleuch is quiet. Cessford is written for.

Jan. 12.
Holyrood.

5. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Arrival of an Irishman from France ; his apprehension and examination ; discovery of his letters in the cover of a parchment book, some addressed to Tyrone ; his credit. The Queen with child.

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6. Anonymous [John Colville] to [Mr. Bowes]. Change of officers. The King's earnestness to compound all feuds. Examination of the Irish priest. Walter Quin's oration to the King about his title, on New Year's Day.

Jan. 15.
25.Coupar.
[Middleburgh.]

7. Robert Godfrey to Thomas Bell [Robert Bowes?]. Has learned an important matter, which he dares not communicate to him. A certain person's journey to Scotland is delayed ; he gives himself wholly to Erroll ; distrust of him. Expects a change from Huntly and Erroll.

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Jan. 16. Edinburgh. 8. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. The King's intention to send the Provost of Edinburgh to England. His displeasure at her Majesty's suspicions of him. Letters intercepted about the Irish causes. Reformation in the King's household. Preparations making in Spain. Buccleuch gone home. Fresh news of the Spaniards. *Incloses*,

8. i. *A note of French news:—Absolution of the King by the Pope; the Prince of Condé to be instructed in the Roman religion; the Princess of Condé to justify herself respecting the death of her late husband.*

Jan. 17. 9. Anonymous [John Colville] to Mr. Bowes. Alteration in the King's house. Preparations of Spain against England. Walter Quin's oration to the King. The Irish priest lately apprehended. A person arrived from Spain to deal with his Majesty.

Jan. 18. Holyrood. 10. Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Relief procured for him by Mr. Bowes. Goshawks delivered to his servant. Report of Bothwell's coming to England. The King much offended at Doleman's book; the ministers preach against it. The new Exchequer men.

Jan. 20. Holyrood. 11. Roger Aston to James Hudson. Pledges for Border affairs. Hot proceedings at the Parliament. The King's resolution to keep the peace with her Majesty. The papists growing in credit. Erroll a great courtier.

Jan. 21. 12. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Thanks for letters from Scotland. Alexander Home to be sent Ambassador to England. A gentleman going to France. Justice Courts to be held in the Marches.

Jan. 24. Holyrood. 13. King James to James Hudson. Begs him to procure a licence for the transporting of thirty tuns of drinking beer to Scotland out of England.

Jan. 25. Edinburgh. 14. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. His return to Scotland will do good. Adverse parties there. Discord between the two Lairds [Buccleuch and Cessford]. Angus quiet. The papists expected to be assisted with foreign forces to the number of 6,000. The King's title. Extreme dearth.

Jan. 28. Richmond. 15. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scotland. Takes the opportunity of Mr. Bowes' return to Scotland to salute her with assurance of her affection. Begs to be satisfied on a certain point which is boasted of against her, and which the bearer will tell her.

Jan. 29. Edinburgh. 16. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. Licence for his [Bowes] return to Scotland. A ship taken by the Earl of Orkney. Changes in the royal households. The King's severity against the "horners." Glamis quiet. No Warden yet appointed for the West Marches.

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Jan. 31. 17. Robert Godfrey to Thomas Bell. Received his letter from Mr. Lee. His brother has been detained at Antwerp till the Earl of Huntly could avow him as his friend; he could not find Mr. James Gordon at Antwerp, and it was thought that he had gone to Paris with Mr. John Hamilton to travel with the Earl of Bothwell, and some other merchants. * Hopes to sell his goods advantageously through the aid of the Earl of Huntly. Huntly and Erroll defer their voyage to Scotland only till they can get money to pay their army from the King of Spain. The Laird of Logie is in prison at Brussels. [*The names in cipher.*]

Feb. 3. 18. A note for the declaration of her Majesty's pleasure and directions to Mr. Robert Bowes on his return to Scotland:—The proposed sending of an Ambassador to England; Robert Doleman's [Parsons, the Jesuit's] book; reports of the King's inclination towards Spain; Irish affairs; the papist Lords; Bothwell; and other matters.

Feb. 3. Copy of the same. [*Vol. lii., p. 111.*]

Feb. 3. 19. "Answers to Mr. Robert Bowes' Articles." Full instructions in respect to the several matters contained in the preceding "note." [*In the autograph of Lord Burghley.*]

Feb. 3. Copy of the same. [*Vol. lii., p. 114.*]

Feb. 7. 20. George Nicolson to Mr. Bowes. His [Bowes'] return to Scotland. The King has punished Glencairn by the purse, and yesterday he got out. The King's efforts to draw Glamis to an agreement with Crawfurd. Angus Maconell's son is going over to Ireland.

Feb. 11. 21. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Letter from Nicolson. The King's haste to send his Ambassadors to England before he [Bowes] can arrive in Scotland.

Feb. 18. 22. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. Instructions for him to procure the assistance of M'Lane for her Majesty against her rebels in Ireland, and in respect to M'Lane's intercession with her in behalf of a murderer.

Feb. 18. Copy of the same. [*Vol. lii., p. 119.*]

Feb. 24. 23. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Delivery of his letters to the King. The King's assurances towards her Majesty in regard to the threatened invasion of Spain. The King's opinion about Doleman's book [written by Parsons, the Jesuit]. Border matters. Confessions of some priests. Preparations of the Spaniards.

Feb. 24. 24. Robert Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. The Queen of Scots' thanks for her Majesty's kindness. Remonstrance to her [the Queen of Scots] in regard to her dispute with the King about the custody of the Prince. The Queen of Scots' accusations against the late Chancellor. A plot to have seized the King. Report about the Queen of Scots' reconciliation to the Romish religion; her reply to it.

Feb. 24. 25. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Fears that Argyll and M'Lane have drawn back from their offers. M'Lane is greatly tempted to join Tyrone. M'Lane's power much increased. Means which he [Bowes] has adopted to procure M'Lane's assistance to her Majesty.

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26. Robert Godfrey to Thomas Bell. Appearance of a good market; Huntly will buy of no one but him. Non-receipt of letters. The King of Scots' man there is a false knave; his credit is lost with Huntly and Erroll. A book against the King of Scots' right to England. The Laird of Logie in prison in Brussels for writing to the Earl of Essex. George Nicolson, who was conveying letters from his brother to the Earl of Huntly, has been lately taken at Antwerp. [*Names in cipher.*]

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27. Robert Godfrey to Robert Bowes. Begs him to address this other letter to his brother Thomas Bell.

28. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for a hundred pounds. Assurances of his devotion to the Queen's service. Good reception of Mr. Bowes.

29. Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Begs licence for a young gentleman named Sinclair, and one called James Richardson, for post horses and a guide to go to Scotland. Lord Sanquhar is the man who is to be sent abroad.

Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. The Queen's approval of his proceedings with the King and Queen of Scots. The expected invasion from Spain. Instructions for the payment of money to M'Lane and some of his ministers. [Vol. lii., p. 123.]

30. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. His message to M'Lane. M'Lane has written to him for the thousand crowns, and offers his services against the rebels in Ireland. New forces are going from the Isles and Highlands to the aid of Tyrone. Many persons are disappointed that he [Bowes] has not brought the fruits [money] expected. *Incloses.*

30. i. *Memorial, given by Mr. Bowes to John Cunningham, of matters to be communicated with Lauchlane M'Lane.*

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30. ii. *Robert Bowes to M'Lane. Understands by his ally Mackenzie, of his willingness to proceed in his former good offices; and has therefore sent John Cunningham to communicate certain matters to him.*

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31. John Cunningham to Mr. Bowes. MacOnell making preparations for Ireland. Good intentions of MacOil. Expects to be at Doward to-night.

March 9.
Edinburgh.

32. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of Mr. George Montgomery, who is seeking to be denizenised in England.

March 10.
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33. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of Mr. David Foulis presently employed and sent to her Majesty by the King of Scots.

March 10.
Edinburgh.

34. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King continues in his good course for the advancement of religion, justice, peace, and the increase of his revenues, and sends Mr. Foulis to England. The King's curiosity about his [Bowes'] private instructions to the

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Queen. A calumnious letter secretly given to the King against Foulis, respecting the keeping of Bothwell in England. Murder of the Laird of Caddell. Angus is seeking his peace. Huntly and Erroll's expected return to Scotland. The Lord Treasurership given to Blantyre. Discontent of Sir Robert Melvill. The murder of David Forster. Custody of the Prince. Irish news.

March 12. Holyrood. 35. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of Mr. George Montgomery, that she will give order for his infrankment and endenization within the realm of England.

March 13. Donolly in Lorn. 36. Duncan M'Dougall, of Dunolly, to Mr. Bowes. Measures which he has taken to procure intelligence of the rebels in Ireland. Their hope of assistance from Spain. A person sent by Tyrone to Angus M'Donald, of Kintyre, for Highlandmen.

March 16. Edinburgh. 37. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. No news from Cunningham. Good hope of M'Lane. Inexpedience of the thousand crowns not having been sent to him. Argyll's offer of service to her Majesty. Lawers' offer to procure Maconochie's services.

March 16. Edinburgh. 38. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Candidates for the Wardenship of the West Borders. Redress for attempts done by Scotchmen in England. A ship detained by the Earl of Orkney. Countess of Huntly at Court. Angus seeking the King's favour. Sir Robert Melvill to be sent to England.

March 18. Coll. 39. Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to Mr. Bowes. Sends certain "heads," or articles, for his satisfaction in answer to his letter. Professes his good will towards him, and the service of her Majesty.

March 18. 40. Answers by Lauchlane M'Lane to certain heads proposed to him by Mr. Bowes, as to his offers made towards the service of the Queen of England against her rebels in Ireland.

March 21. 41. Account of the Western Isles of Scotland, Lewis, Skye, Islay, and Mull, with the names of the Chieftains, historical notes, &c. [In the handwriting of Bowes' clerk.]

March 25. 42. Overtures for resisting the foreign intestine enemies of the religion and estate of Scotland.

March 26. Edinburgh. 43. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Long stay of John Cunningham with M'Lane. Delays entering into the Irish matters at present. Tyrone and his party expect help from Spain.

March 26. Edinburgh. 44. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Assembly of the Church. Great dearth at Dumfries. The King's oration at the Assembly. Innermaith created Earl of Atholl. Angus to make submission. An Ambassador going to France. A King's Lieutenant to be sent to the North. *Incloses,*

44. I. *The King of Scots' speech at the Assembly of the ministry, professing his attachment to the established religion, and disclaiming all trafficking with the leaguers.* March 25.

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March 27. 45. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs a commission for London. post horses for Edward Johnston to return to Scotland.

[March 28.] 46. David Foulis to [Sir Robert Cecill]. Having new occasion to entreat her Majesty, at the special command of the King of Scots, he begs to know at what time he shall have the honour to wait upon her Majesty.

March 30. 47. King of Scots' instructions to Mr. John Preston and Mr. Edward Bruce, Commandator of Kinloss, his Commissioners at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. With the Assembly's answer to the same.

[March.] 48. Copy of the injunctions set down by the King of Scots and his Council to be subscribed by the ministry.

April 49. Passport for Captain James Edger, a gentleman of Scotland, who has served the French King, to return to France through England.

April 1. 50. —— to Mr. Bowes. On the King of Scots' injustice in urging the delivery of Kinmont, notoriously known as an open spoiler of both realms, as well as in respect to his delay in appointing an officer in the West; also respecting the great countenance he gives to Buc-cleuch since he caused these late enormities.

April 2. 51. A. Sincler to the [King of Scotland]. Informs him of the ^{Frederlburgh.} approaching coronation of the King of Denmark, and suggests the expediency of his Majesty's coming in person to attend it.

April 2. 52. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Appointed conference between the Dean of Limerick and Earl of Argyll. John Cunningham and John Achinros returned from M'Lane. Intends to send them to England. M'Lane is willing to make an invasion against Tyrone.

April 3. 53. Griefs to be humbly moved to his Majesty from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, touching the principal offences in the State, and remedies to be provided for them.

April 4. 54. David Foulis to [Sir Robert Cecill]. Begs the furtherance of a passport for Mathew Sempill and George Montgomery, who are going to France, for their edification, and the contentment of their minds.

April 5. 55. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs a licence for Captain James Edger to go to France and to transport 3 or 4 Scottish nags there.

April 5. 56. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Progress of matters with M'Lane. His servant George Nicolson, for whom he begs credit, is sent to England thereupon, and on other matters.

April 5. 57. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Has sent George Nicolson to accompany M'Lane's servant Achinros. Recommends Achinros and John Cunningham for a taste of her Majesty's bountiful goodness.

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April 5. 58. Instructions given by Mr. Bowes to George Nicolson, to be opened to Sir Robert Cecil, in respect to the causes for Ireland.

[April 5.] 59. Paper of memoranda, by Nicolson, of "things to be remembered" by him, to be requested of Sir Robert Cecil, for Mr. Bowes, himself, John Colville, &c.

April 13. 60. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of the suits of Mr. Montgomery and Thomas Wylyson to be denizenised in England. Sends the sentence pronounced for the restitution of Mr. Offley's ship.

April 16. 61. Earl of Argyll to [Sir Robert Cecil]. Thanks him for his courtesy to the Dean of Limerick, in procuring his father's favour in the cause between the Dean and the Bishop of Limerick.

April 18. 62. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Summons sent by Tyrone and O'Donnell to Maconochie to attend them with a thousand men. Persons advanced to titles and honours by O'Donnell. Service is again offered to her Majesty by the two Chieftains of those who are going to the aid of the rebels. Refers to Nicolson.

April 18. 63. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs his assistance in the expedition of the "denizations." Requests also a passport for Captain Edger and his page to go to France.

April 18. 64. Robert Bowes to Mr. Foulis. Thanks for news. Has written to the Lord Treasurer in furtherance of his request, for licence for transportation of peas and beans. Has also informed the Lord Treasurer of the Earl of Orkney's willingness to restore Mr. Offley's ship and goods.

April 18. 65. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's orders for the administration of justice on the Borders. A strange tempest raised by Buccleuch, by forcibly taking Will of Kinmouth out of Carlisle Castle. Dares not advise the ministry to receive the submission of Angus, or to allow the return of Huntly and Erroll. The King's passionate protestations of adherence to the professed religion. Report of the taking of Calais by the Spaniards. Dearth of grain. The King at his pastimes at Stirling. An Ambassador expected from Denmark.

April 24. 66. Memoranda, by George Nicolson, of matters to be considered, and resolved on, before his departure for Scotland:—The token for M'Lane; rewards for Achinros and John Cunningham; affairs of Ireland; Border causes.

April 26. 67. Robert Bowes to [Sir Robert Cecil]. The reports of the taking of Calais having worked exceeding joyful effects in the hearts of the papists, and the rumour being generally given out that the Spaniards will speedily send succour to Tyrone, her Majesty's pleasure is urgently requested by those with whom he is dealing that they may take the crop of the tide.

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April 26. 68. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Begs that he will further his suit for the transporting to Scotland of peas and beans.

April 27. 69. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his good will in furthering his request for the transportation of peas and beans, and begs that the licence may be left blank, as he is informed that Gilbert Masterton is not presently in England.

April 30. 70. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Requests to know the Queen's pleasure before an appointed meeting takes place between M'Lane and Argyll. The Dean of Limerick has travailed effectually with Argyll. Angus Macconell has kept a solemn Easter, and expects Donald Gorme and others to aid Tyrone; his hope and comfort are in the Spaniards, building on their success at Calais.

April 30. 71. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King is satisfied as to an alleged communication between some English gentlemen and the Earl of Bothwell. Border matters. The Dean of Limerick's travail with Argyll. Argyll to serve her Majesty against her rebels. Buccleuch going to Italy.

[April.] 72. "Observations of the Dean of Limerick on the Out-Isles of Scotland," on the islanders, their descent, connexions, strength, &c. respecting the Macdonalds, MacOnell, M'Lane, and others, and the expedience of employing them in Ulster against Tyrone.

April. 73. Form of the summons for the Convention of the Estates of Scotland, to be held at Edinburgh on the 20th May following.

May 3. 74. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Intelligence brought by George Arbuthnot respecting the papist Earls of Scotland. Requests a passport for him to Scotland.

May 7. 75. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Council convened for Border matters. Buccleuch's late outrage at Carlisle. A published letter of the King of Scots denouncing war against Spain. George Chambers gone with a commission to Huntly. Archibald Douglas summoned before the Council to answer for trafficking with Bothwell. The King takes his pastime in hunting.

[May] 7. 76. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Money received as rewards for John Achinros, John Cunningham, and George Nicolson. Glad of the good contentment given to M'Lane. Thanks for favour shown to Nicolson. [Dated April 7 by mistake.]

May 12. 77. Anonymous to Sir Robert Cecil. On his coming into Scotland he delivered to his Majesty the letters he had received from the Earl of Mar. The King made many inquiries touching the feeling of the nobility and commons in England towards him, and spoke of the death of the Laird of Bonitan, the archpapist. The Duke [Lennox] is hastening his voyage to France, which argues some discontent in the Ambassador's letters.

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May 12. Edinburgh. 78. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. His proceeding with the King in respect to the late heinous and hostile attempt committed by Buccleuch. Overtures made to the King from Spain. Reported arrival of Huntly and Erroll in the North.

May 12. Edinburgh. 79. Robert Bowes to the Privy Council. Reports his proceedings with the King in respect to the late heinous outrage committed by Buccleuch at Carlisle Castle.

May 14. London. 80. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. Requests to know when he may have speech of the Queen, having received some commandment from the King his master of which he is to discharge himself to her Majesty.

[May 17.] 81. Petitiones quædam Ser^{mi} Regis Scotorum quas a Sanct^{mo} Patre Clemente Papa perimplete exoptat. A petition to the Pope, alleged to have been written by the King of Scots and presented to his Holiness as such by John Ogilby of Pury, a Scotchman, requesting the Pope's assistance towards the re-establishment of the Romish religion in Scotland. Lat.

[May 17.] 82. Another copy of the same document.

[May 17.] 83. Considerationes nonnullæ bonum affectum Regis Scotiæ erga Catholicos comprobantes. . Another paper presented to the Pope by Ogilby during his alleged embassy from the King of Scotland to the Court of Rome.

May 18. 84. "Intelligence of the actions of the Papists :"—The expectation of Spaniards in Scotland, movements of Huntly and Erroll, Bothwell joined with them ; imprisonment of Logie, &c.

May 18. Edinburgh. 85. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. M'Lane's appointment with Argyll. M'Lane's receipt of her Majesty's bounty. O'Donnell wants 2,000 men ; 1,000 already gone to Ireland. Maconochie much pressed to join the rebels. .

May 18. Edinburgh. 86. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Satisfaction to be rendered for Buccleuch's attempt at Carlisle Castle. Huntly and Erroll's emissaries returned from the Low Countries. Propositions to be made to reconcile the forfeited Earls to the King and Church.

May 20. London. 87. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. In behalf of a Scotchman John M'Neill, in prison at Exeter, who had been charged with murder.

May 22. Holyrood. 88. Act of the King of Scotland and the Convention of his Estates, summoning his subjects to arms, to march against the proud, rebellious, and disobedient inhabitants of the Isles and Highlands.

May 24. 89. The Act for respiting the execution of the bonds of the rebel Lords until the 1st of August. Act suspending a former Act respecting the non-intromission to the lands and livings of the Earls of Huntly and Erroll, in consequence of suspicion of their having trafficked against the true religion.

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May 24. Edinburgh. 90. Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to Sir Robert Cecil. In behalf of John M'Neill, for his release out of prison at Exeter.

May 27. Edinburgh. 91. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs him to grant M'Lane's desire for the release of John M'Neill.

May. 92. A note of English merchants and others spoiled at sea by Scotchmen within the space of four years, and no redress gotten for the same.

June 2. Edinburgh. 93. Robert Bowes to the Privy Council. Reports his proceedings with the King and Council of Scotland, in demanding redress for her Majesty in respect of the late attempt committed by Buccleuch at Carlisle. *Incloses,*

93. i. *The effect of the demand made in the name of, and for, the Queen of England by Robert Bowes, for redress to be given to her Majesty, for the outrageous fact done by the Laird of Buccleuch, and his accomplices, at Carlisle Castle.* Edinburgh, May 25.

93. ii. *The King of Scots' answer to the same.* Edinburgh, May 25.

June 2. Edinburgh. 94. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Buccleuch's fact much commended by the great people there. The King alone willing to give redress for it. The King's intended journey to the Isles. Acts of the Convention. The agents of the papist Earls disappointed. Argyll going abroad. M'Lane in favour with the King, and at the devotion of her Majesty. *Incloses,*

94. i. *Act of the King and Convention of Scotland for the reducing of the Western Isles to obedience.* May 22.

94. ii. *Act for respiting the execution of the bonds of the rebel Lords, Huntly and Erroll.* May 24.

June 4. Linlithgow. 95. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In regard to the late attempt of Buccleuch; begs that she will take his answer in good part; that she will consider that her information proceeds from her own officer, who is not only partial but a direct party in the matter; and that she will appoint Commissioners to consider of the subject.

June 8. Edinburgh. 96. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's desire to content her Majesty in the affair of Buccleuch. Buccleuch ready to offer his submission to her Majesty. M'Lane's anxiety for the relief of his kinsman John M'Neill. Mar likely to be Chancellor.

June 8. Edinburgh. 97. Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to Sir Robert Cecil. Thanks for 150*l.* sterling and promise of a pension. Offers service to the Queen of England. Requests the release of John M'Neill, in prison at Exeter.

June 8. Edinburgh. 98. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Efforts of Mr. Foulis to induce the King to make redress for Buccleuch's outrage. Thanks of M'Lane and Achinros for money. M'Lane's request for the release of M'Neill.

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June 8. Edinburgh. 99. John Achinros to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for 30*l.* sterling and 20*l.* to John Cunningham, and promises to be his true and faithful servant all his days.

June 9. Edinburgh. 100. John Cunningham, Merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh, to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks him for 20*l.* sterling, and assures him of his services.

June 10. London. 101. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Begs that he will procure him an audience of her Majesty, having received directions from the King of Scotland.

June 14. Edinburgh. 102. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Proceedings taken for settling the Borders. Orders sent to Buccleuch. Arrival of Stephen Beale, an Ambassador from Denmark. M'Lane's composition with the King.

June 19. Middleburgh. 103. The States of Zealand to the King of Scots. Inform him of the constant passing and repassing there of divers Englishmen and Scotchmen disguised as merchants; of the orders which they had given in consequence to examine all suspected persons; and of their having detained the Earl of Erroll, whom they understand to be one of those in disgrace with his Majesty. Fr.

June 21. Edinburgh. 104. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. The Earl of Argyll desiring to travel into foreign nations, requests her Majesty's safe conduct and licence for the Dean of Limerick to accompany him. Crawfurd and others are going to France. The information given to her Majesty against Crawfurd. Crawfurd's interest with Huntly and Erroll. The Laird of East Wemyss' necessity. *Incloses,*

104. I. *James Colvill, Laird of East Wemyss, to Mr. Bowes.*
Begs that he will remind Sir Robert Cecill of his services to her Majesty, and of the non-fulfilment of the promise made to him by Sir Robert, that he should receive "satisfaction" on his [Mr. Bowes'] return to Scotland.

East Wemyss, May 12.

June 21. Edinburgh. 105. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Redress to be demanded of the King for Buccleuch's affair. Argyll and Crawfurd purposing to travel abroad. The Danish Ambassador. Intended duel between Sanquhar and Orkney.

June 23. 106. Petition of David Lawe to Lord Burghley:—Begs to be released from confinement, having been in prison 16 months by his Lordship's commandment, for attempting to pass to his native country, Scotland, in the company of Nicholas Williamson, an Englishman, and being afflicted with a grievous disease in his leg and in danger of his life.

June 23. London. 107. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests a passport for James Kennedy, servant to the Laird of Blaquhan, going to France to find his master, who went lately to Paris.

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June 24. 108. Queen Elizabeth to King James. He is a rare example of a seduced King, remunerating greatest kindness with hardest measure; and were it in the nonage of a Prince it might have borne colour, but in a fatherage it seemeth strange and without example. However little regard soever be held of her, yet she would grieve much to see him neglect himself, as the English, whose regards she doubts not but he has in some esteem, will measure his love by his deeds, and not by his words on paper. Shall her castle be assailed by a night largin, and shall not her confederate send the offender to his due? When he has weighed the matter with a better judgment, her answer shall be more honourable. For other doubtful and litigious Border causes she will appoint Commissioners, if needful, but not in a matter of such villainous usage as this.

June 25. 109. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Redress obtained for Mr. Offley's ship and goods. The King's professions in the matter. All the sincerity in Scotland in regard to religion and other matters rests in the King. Regrets the refusal given to Mr. Foulis.

June 27. 110. Anonymous letter of intelligence from Scotland:—The Bishop of Dunkeld and Lord Ogilvy going to Denmark; the Queen's approaching "birth;" expected arrival of the catholic Lords; Border matters.

June 28. 111. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The matter of Buccleuch. The King declines seeing him [Bowes] till he shall have received her Majesty's letter. The King much perplexed at her resolution to stop his yearly gratuity unless he satisfy her in the redress demanded against Buccleuch. Opinions of his Council; their justification of Buccleuch's action. False report of the arrival of Huntly.

June 30. 112. King James to Mr. David Foulis. A strong letter of indignation on the Queen of England's threatening to stay the payment of his annuity, and treating him as her pensioner. Thinks it a greater break of the league than his not giving up Buccleuch. Recapitulates the various acts by which he has shewn his attachment to England. Desires him to procure her Majesty's mind in the matter, and then to return to Scotland with all diligence.

June 30. Copy of the same. [Vol. lii., p. 126.]

June ? 113. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—Statement of a confederacy between the Kings of Spain and France and two members of the Secret Council of Scotland.

June ? 114. Privy Council of England to Mr. Bowes. On the redress demanded by her Majesty for the night attack on Carlisle Castle by Sir Walter Scott of Branxholme, reciting his defence of his conduct, and expreeing her Majesty's dissatisfaction in the matter; hoping, however, that the King, in his own princely judgment, will reverse the act of his Council, and not show partiality to a person so notoriously reported to be factious, seditious, and a favourer of the King's rebels.

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Queen Elizabeth to King James. In regard to Buccleuch's action in taking a prisoner out of Carlisle Castle, and the redress demanded by her for the same. Refuses to appoint Commissioners, and expresses her hope that he will reject his new advisers, and remember her who never yet omitted anything in faithful friendship and love towards him. [Vol. lii., p. 124.]

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1. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Objections raised by the King to the redress demanded of him for Buccleuch's act at Carlisle. His [Bowes] replies. Advice given to him to give up her Majesty's annual gratuity. Stay of the Earl of Erroll at Middleburgh.

2. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Reports an audience of the King; how he reminded him of the redress required for Buccleuch's action, and delivered him the Queen's letter; how the King received it, and then left the town suddenly without speaking further on the subject.

3. Act of the Council of Scotland, in reply to an act of the Council of England respecting the "filing" of Sir Walter Scott [Buccleuch], for certain reasons specified. [Certified by John Skene, Clerk Registrar.]

4. Lord Burghley to Sir Robert Cecil. Sorry for Mr. Bowes' ill success. The new Council of Scotland are ill-disposed, being hollow papists. Mr. Bowes might do well to get secret information of them through some of the ministers of the Church. The affection of the King to the English Crown will every day increase by the greedy appetite of his counsellors.

5. Draft of a letter to be written by Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes, to instruct him with certain information, to be communicated to the King of Scots, of the proceedings of the Laird of Pury Ogilby, Father Cecil and other Catholics, at Rome and elsewhere.

6. Bowes to Lord Burghley. A further interview with the King respecting Buccleuch's outrage. The King's dissatisfaction with her Majesty's letter. Orders given to his Council to make reply. General feeling against the delivery of Buccleuch. Cessford's challenge of Buccleuch. Colonel Stewart to be the King's Lieutenant in the Isles. *Incloses*,

6. i. *Duke of Sessa, Spanish Ambassador at Rome, to the King of Spain. Has spoken with Cardinal Gavetano, who tells him that Father Tyrie has deliberate not to be further deceived with the chimeras he had in his head of the religion of the King of Scotland, and that he sees it is all invention and deceit; and showed the inconvenience of the Pope's assisting Huntly and others. His Majesty would, however, do well to run with these said Catholics, and not to tyne time. John Cecil and John Ogilby have embarked towards Genoa.*

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Duke of Sessa to Don John de Idriaguez. The affairs of Scotland give him most adoe and trouble, for the Scotchmen who have come out of Spain are of such different opinions. He is persuaded that not one of them deals entirely, and suspects that his Highness will deal warily and circumspectly. If the King of Spain were resolved to send an army into Scotland, the deed done would be better accepted in Rome than any discourses or advices of that which men pretend to do; and this may be holden for a general rule, that the Court of Rome troubles itself far less with that which is done, than with that which is to be done.

Rome, February 21.

“Some advertisements made by Balthasar or Walter Lindsay to the Duke of Sessa, to be directed to his Matie” [the King of Spain], respecting the Pope’s intention to send secretly into Scotland; the King of Scotland’s missions, not only to Spain, but to France, Flanders, and Italy; the Queen of England’s assistance to the King of Scotland, and assurance of succession to the Crown of England; Ogilby’s mission to Spain; importance of the King of Spain’s making himself master of the Frith of Forth; and other matters.

[No date.]

6. II. *Duke of Sessa to the King of Spain. Arrival of Father Cecill and two Scottish gentlemen, and of John Ogilby, Baron of Pury. Ogilby concealed matters from him and Cecill too, and came to him only by night. Ogilby’s commission from the King of Scotland to procure help from the Pope to defend him from his rebel subjects, and to assist him to the succession of the Crown of England. The King of Scotland’s reasons for temporising with the heretics. Ogilby’s dealings in Flanders and Venice, and at Florence, unsuccessful as regards the getting any money; his consequent offers to deliver the Prince of Scotland and certain places to the King of Spain. Conversation with Ogilby about the King of Spain’s object to exterminate the heretics. The Queen of England’s intention to keep the King of Scots in subjection; her treating with the Bearnais to repudiate his wife and marry Arabella, and bring him to the succession of England; and the Queen of England’s intention, if she is straited by the King of Spain, to feign herself Catholic.* [These letters are in the Scottish dialect, and partly in cipher, in the handwriting of Bowes’ clerk, Christopher Sheperton.]

July 14. 7. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King’s surprise that her Majesty has twice refused his gratuity; there is discontent about it, but the King is the best among them, and loth to offend her Majesty. Fears mischief on the Borders.

July 16. 8. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for his kindly advertisement, and will conform to her Majesty’s pleasure therein.

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July 18. Edinburgh. 9. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. A reply to the required redress for Buccleuch's outrage. The King's desire to content her Majesty. The wishes of the multitude. Mr. Foulis to be revoked. Herries at Court. Argyll offended. Public and private prayers for the success of her Majesty's army and navy.

July 18. Edinburgh. 10. Robert Bowes to the Privy Council. Reply of the King and Council in reference to the redress demanded for Buccleuch's outrage. The King's disposition to yield to her Majesty. Required trial of the ~~matter~~ by Commissioners.

July 18. Edinburgh. 11. Robert Bowes to Lord Hunsdon. Buccleuch's "fact." No redress to be obtained except through Commissioners. The King's desire to please her Majesty. Colonel Stewart made Lieutenant of the Isles. Huntly and Sir Walter Lindsay are quietly at home.

July 18. Edinburgh. 12. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Letters of the Duke of Sessa, Ambassador at Rome for the King of Spain. Practices of divers traitorous Scots abroad. The Queen's refusal to grant a "placard" for Lord Home. Passports requested for Argyll and Crawford.

July 21. London. 13. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. The King thinks it best to use a respectful silence towards her Majesty, rather than answer her in *iisdem terminis*. Begs an audience of her Majesty.

July 22. London. 14. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. In reference to the King of Scots having withdrawn his reply to her Majesty from the hands of her Ambassador there. Thinks the King's meaning is only to defer his answer till matters are settled.

July 25. London. 15. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Begs to know when he may have an audience of her Majesty to deliver a letter from the King his master.

July 25. Greenwich. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Commands him to remonstrate with the King of Scots, in regard to his strange letter to Mr. Foulis about Buccleuch's violent assault upon Carlisle Castle, also in respect to his refusal to deliver up Buccleuch, his demand of his annuity as a right for lands, and his assertion of her Majesty's obligation to him in his refusal of the fair overtures made to him by foreign powers. [Vol. lii., p. 129.]

July 28. Edinburgh. 16. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. A motion made to him by the Prior of Blantyre to have constant intelligence with some person of credit in England. The danger that will ensue to religion by her Majesty's severe prosecution of Buccleuch. Colonel Stewart's preparations in the Isles to subdue Angus MacOnell. Border matters.

July 29. Edinburgh. 17. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Joyful receipt of the news there of the success of her Majesty's army and navy. Complaints against the Borderers.

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18. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—Sir William Stewart chosen the King's Lieutenant for the Isles. Buccleuch not to be rendered to England. Lord Home solicited by Buccleuch to make a raid on the East Borders as his deputy. Great talk of peace between France and Spain.

August 3. 19. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Broken state of the Borders. Edinburgh. Sundry raids made by Englishmen. Pury Ogilby's practices in Spain; the King's denial of any participation in them. The King's journey to Dundee. Report of his intention to take Huntly. Suit made for Huntly's restitution by his Countess. A great storm expected at Court. *Incloses*,

19. i. *The form or condition of the “caution” to be observed by the landowners and others of Scotland for the preservation of peace and good rule within their particular districts.*

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August 3. 20. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's denial of Edinburgh. any participation in Pury Ogilby's practices in Spain. The King's opinion that Huntly is not in Scotland. Border matters.

August 6. 21. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Passports for Crawford and Edinburgh. Sanquhar. The King's journey to prosecute the “horners.” A raid in England attributed to Buccleuch; his denial of it. A proclamation issued by the Council. Buccleuch's complaints of spoils committed in Liddesdale by John Musgrave and Captain Carvell. *Incloses*,

21. i. *Proclamation by the King and Council of Scotland for the preservation of peace on the Borders.*

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August 6. 22. Lord Burghley. Passport for the Laird of Bomby, a gentleman of Scotland, to repair to the Bathe for the recovery of his health.

August 9. 23. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—Certainty of Huntly's return and Bothwell's, the latter intending “to do something.” Influence of the Guises over the people in Scotland. The Spaniards coming. Meeting of the ministers of the Kirk.

August 10. 24. Mr. Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. Delivery of her letter to the Edinburgh. King. The King's arguments in favour of inquiry about Buccleuch's “fact” by Commissioners. The annuity promised him by Randolph. His good will to her Majesty. Border disorders.

August 10. 25. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Aid required of her Majesty Edinburgh. for Colonel Stewart to subdue the men of the Isles. Buccleuch's complaint against John Musgrave. The Countess of Huntly gone to the King to present certain offers in behalf of her husband. Huntly's arrival.

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August 10. 26. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Thanks for news of the Edinburgh. success at Calais. Certainty of a battle fought between the Queen's forces and the Duke of Medina. Foulis reports that her Majesty will only ask such redress for Buccleuch's "fact" at Carlisle Castle as will satisfy the King.

August 11. 27. Anonymous letter of advertisements from Edinburgh:— Huntly's return; persons to be appointed to treat with him; the Kirk's dissatisfaction; great instance made for Angus; Erroll captive at Middleburgh; Buccleuch's complaints against England.

August 19. 28. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King of Scotland's letter to Edinburgh. her Majesty respecting redress for the late attempt of Buccleuch. Buccleuch commanded to ward by the King. Offers of Huntly to the Church; a debate at the Convention about them; the ministers much alarmed. Angus to leave the realm. The Queen delivered of a daughter.

August 24. 29. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Finds no harm in one London. George Douglas, a schoolmaster of Paris, who is constrained, through the great sickness there, to make some small parenthesis in his intended course, and visit his friends in Scotland.

August 27. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. Instructs him to take such Greenwich. proceedings, so that, if the Earl of Huntly be likely to obtain his peace, he may address himself to her Majesty to be a mediator for him. [Vol. iii., p. 134.]

August. 30. The substance of advertisements from Scotland to Mr. Archibald Douglas, in respect to Huntly's suit to the King, the King's interview with the Countess, Douglas' disgrace, Mr. Bowes' unjust allegations against him, and other matters.

Sept. 2. 31. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Has perused the complaints London. about the spoils committed in the East March. Begs his signature to a passport.

Sept. 3. 32. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. The disorders on the Borders London. have been caused by the absence of the Commissioners. Begs that he will hasten them.

Sept. 4. 33. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Thanks for kindness. His son's Edinburgh. being allowed to perform his office at Berwick is a great relief to him. Begs that he may be permitted to act for him in Scotland.

Sept. 5. 34. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Appointment of Commissioners Edinburgh. for Border matters. Suits of Huntly's friends. The Presbytery press the King to proceed against him. Angus about to depart out of the country. Escape of Erroll; report of his return to Scotland, and of Bothwell's return also. Buccleuch continues in ward at St. Andrews.

Sept. 5. 35. Mr. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In respect to the Edinburgh. appointment of Commissioners for Border matters, gives his opinion of the qualities necessary for the persons appointed, and names certain persons well qualified.

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[Sept.] 36. The names of the six persons chosen and appointed by the King of Scotland and his Council to be Commissioners for the Borders.

Sept. 12. Greenwich. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Instructs him to inform the King of her satisfaction at the altered style of his letters, in respect to the redress demanded for Buccleuch's matter; and to acquaint him with the particulars of her late league made with France. [Vol. lii., p. 135.]

Sept. 17. Edinburgh. 37. Mr. Bowes to [Sir Robert Cecil]. Great labour made that Huntly may be received to the King's favour; the King's refusal. Erroll's escape, and flight to Austria.

Sept. 17. Edinburgh. 38. Mr. Bowes to [Sir Robert Cecil]. Letters between Thomas and David Foulis. The causes of Huntly. Expected troubles.

[Sept. 17.] 39. Mr. Bowes to [Sir Robert Cecil]. Has burnt the note sent in his letter of the 11th. Thomas Foulis does not suspect any indirect dealing with his brother's letters. David Foulis looks for the horning of Mr. Archibald Douglas; and the King pretends to be forward to execute the same.

Sept. 17. Edinburgh. 40. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. The presence of the Border Commissioners much desired. Approaching meeting of the Convention. The custody of the Princess. Huntly's causes. Exertions of the Presbytery against him. The league between her Majesty and the French King. Process of horning against Argyll; his retirement from Court. The Master of Gray desires leave to go abroad.

Sept. 20. Edinburgh. 41. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Received letters from him and the Queen, and has sent to the King of Scots to request audience. Public protestations of the ministers in their sermons against Huntly. Appearance of trouble.

Sept. 21. Greenwich. 42. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Her satisfaction that he has done what beseemed him in the punishment of Buccleuch, though she will not have what she ought unless he is delivered up to herself. Hopes that he will not overlip the shameful and inhuman enormities committed on the Borders.

Sept. 21. 43. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs the delivery of a letter to the Queen.

Sept. 23. Edinburgh. 44. Robert Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. Receipt of her letters. Audience of the King of Scots. Fault found with him [Bowes] by the King for not advertising her Majesty of the warding of Buccleuch. Her Majesty's message to the King respecting her league with France. The King's professions towards her.

Sept. 23. Edinburgh. 45. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Has advertised her Majesty of his proceedings with the King of Scotland, and the delivery of her Majesty's directions.

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Sept. 23. Edinburgh. 46. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Griefs of the ministers against Huntly. The Countesses of Huntly and Erroll to be excommunicated. Angus MacOnell's submission to the King. Buc-cleuch's entrance into ward.

Sept. 24. London. 47. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Is enjoined to urge the dispatch of the Border Commissioners, that their number do not exceed three or four, and that the Bishop of Durham be not among them.

Sept. 26. 48. David Foulis to Queen Elizabeth. Begs that he may receive the ordinary sum of four thousand pounds for the King of Scots as a proportionable recompence for his affection towards her Majesty.

Sept. 28. 49. Instructions given by the Queen's Majesty to Tobias Bishop of Durham, Sir William Bowes, Francis Slingesby, Esq., and Doctor Colmer, appointed to be her Commissioners upon the Borders, and to meet and treat with the Commissioners of England.

Sept. 28. Copy of the same, with additional clause, dated Sept. [Oct. ?] 5. [Vol. lii, p. 140.]

Sept. 28. Edinburgh. 50. Pass for Robert Dixon to go to London. [Signed by Mr. Bowes.]

Sept. 29. London. 51. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Requests a pass for seven trunks containing some necessaries for the King and his house.

Oct. 1. Venice. 52. John Petit to ——. Recalls to his recollection the time of their first acquaintance at Liege, and the disputations and discourses they had touching matters of religion and estate. Informs him of the proceedings of one Pury Ogilby at Rome, who had taken upon himself the title of the King of Scots' Ambassador. The Pope's intention to send a spiritual man into Scotland. Proceedings of Father Crichton and others. A plot to take Berwick from England, and other matters. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phillips.] *Incloses,*

52. i. *Petition to the Pope from the King of Scots, and Reasons presented to the Pope to prove the King of Scots' disposition in favour of the Catholics. Lat. [These are copies of the two papers presented to the Pope by Pury Ogilby, and described ante.] May.*

52. ii. *Similar papers in Spanish.*

52. iii. *— to the Laird of Pury Ogilby, approving his diligence in the service he has undertaken, and requesting him to notice what communication passes between the Catholics of this realm [Scotland?] and the Jesuits. [In the writing of Mr. Thomas Phillips.]*

Oct. 2. London. 53. David Foulis to Lord Burghley. Begs that he will write to Robert Bowes, in Durham, and desire him to pay some money which he owes to his [Foulis'] brother. Requests that his trunks may pass the custom house without being examined.

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Edinburgh. 54. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Receipt of the commission for Border matters. Persons to be appointed for Scotland and England. Letters to the Wardens. Meeting of the Convention. Approaching baptism of the Princess. Her Majesty [Elizabeth] to be sole sponsor. The King's determination against Huntly. The King desirous to have his right to the Crown of England established. *Incloses*,

54. 1. *Form of the King of Scots' Commission for certain persons to act in his behalf to inquire into matters of the Borders.* Lat. Oct. 2.

Oct. 5.
London. 55. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Leaves behind him William Augus, to deal yet still for the other thousand pounds which he hopes her Majesty may be moved to grant to the King of Scots.

Oct. 12. 56. De Jacobi Sexti Scotorum Regis jure quod, deficiente Henrici Octavi sobole, ad Anglii regni successionem habet. Lat. [Five pages.]

Oct. 12.
Edinburgh. 57. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Outrages committed by Cessford within his Wardenry in the East Marches. The King reproves him, and wishes Buccleuch to take his place. He desires her Majesty's pleasure as to keeping Buccleuch in ward. A murder committed by John Wedderburn. Whispers of the King's licence to Huntly and Angus to return to Scotland. Sir Walter Lindsay is still at Brussels suing for aid and money for Scotland. News of Ireland. *Incloses*,

57. 1. *Proclamation by King James, forbidding his subjects to have any intelligence with foreigners, or persons in foreign countries.* Dunfermline, Sept. 29.

[Oct. 15.] 58. Anonymous [Lord Sanquhar] to Sir Robert Cecill. The King of Scots' letters to the Pope and Crichton. Thirty thousand crowns granted to the King and sent down to the Nuncio. Crichton, James Gordon, and Father Hay are ready to go from the Low Countries into Scotland.

Oct. 16.
Edinburgh. 59. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. In respect to the payment of five hundred pounds for victuals and necessaries for the garrison at Berwick.

Oct. 20.
Edinburgh. 60. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Excuses of the Border Commissioners. Suit made to the King for the release of Buccleuch. The baptism of the Princess adjourned. Return of Mr. David Foulis from England. Discontent that he could only obtain 3,000*l.* Movements of Huntly, Angus, and Erroll; the Commissioners of the Church are presently convened to resolve what course shall be taken against them.

Oct. 23.
Richmond. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Robert Bowes. Desires him to speak to the King, respecting his reported intention to restore Huntly to his favour, without his conforming to the religion; to express her consent to the King respecting the baptism of the Princess, who is

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to be called by her own name, and to congratulate the Queen on her safe delivery. Commands him, in respect of the proposed release of Buccleuch, to appeal to the King whether such an indignity should be offered to her, and, in case his arguments do not prevail, to give her consent to it, on condition that Buccleuch returns to ward at a short day to be appointed. [Vol. lii., p. 154.]

Oct. 25. 61. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Excuses for not writing. Linlithgow. Mr. Foulis' opinion as to the cause of his not getting so large a sum for the King as was expected. The gratuity thought to be dishonourable to the King. Quarrel between the King and the ministry. "Quick" sermons. An assembly of ministers at Edinburgh.

Oct. 26. 62. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Border causes. The King Edinburgh. displeased with Cessford. His wish to liberate Buccleuch. His refusal to deliver him to her Majesty. Approaching baptism of the Princess. The cause between the excommunicated Earls and the Church.

Nov. 1. 63. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Offence committed by Edinburgh. Mr. David Black against her Majesty. Border matters. The ministers and the excommunicated Earls. Arrival of three strangers from Calais with letters. *Incloses,*

63. 1. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Delayed meeting of the Commissioners. Quarrel between the King and the ministry about the papist Earls. Scandalous words spoken against her Majesty by Mr. David Black, calling her an atheist, and reflecting on the religion in England.* The King's anger. *Linlithgow, October 31.*

Nov. 5. 64. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Received the enclosed even now, and has forwarded it with all the speed he could. Mr. Foulis attributes all his crosses to certain ministers, and not to her Majesty.

Nov. 10. 65. Robert Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. Edinburgh. The King denies having given any toleration to the papist Earls. The King's advice to her Majesty to guard against the King of Spain. Thanks for her consent to be sponsor for the Princess. The King's excuses for setting Buccleuch at liberty.

Nov. 12. 66. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. The Commission for Border matters. Buccleuch's enlargement; his pretended zeal for the administration of justice. The approaching baptism. Complaints of the ministry against the liberty given to the forfeited Earls. Redress demanded for the infamous words spoken by David Black. Great offence conceived by the King against Edmund Spenser, for publishing in print, in the 2nd part of the Fairy Queen, chapter 9, some dishonourable effects, as the King deemeth, against himself and his mother deceased. He [Bowes] has satisfied the King about the

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“privilege” under which the book is published, yet he still desireth that Edmund Spenser, for this fault, may be duly tried and punished. *Incloses,*

66. I. *Articles presented by Dame Harriet Stewart, Countess of Huntly, on behalf of her husband, to the Synodal Assembly of the Presbytery.* October 19.

66. II. *Propositions submitted by the King of Scots to the ministry, in respect to the excommunicated forfeited Earls, and the ministers' answer.* November 4.

66. III. *The effect of the information given against Mr. David Black, for uttering some infamous words in his sermons against her Majesty and the religion professed in England.* November.

Nov. 20. 67. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends a note of certain things required for the use of the King of Scots.

Nov. 20. 68. Proclamation by King James, for restoring Mr. Robert Dennington to his office of Scottish Conservator in the Low Countries, from which he had been removed for allowing the Earl of Erroll to escape from his custody.

Nov. 22. 69. The Articles set downe be his Maiestie to be first effectually performit be the Erle of Huntly, afore he ressuae ony licence to returne or remane in Scotland or ony vther benefite of his Majestie's lawes, conforme to the ordour tane at the Conventioun of Falkland vpon the 12 day of August last, and thairefter ratifeit be ane vther Convention of the Estaits at Dunfermling the penult day of September last bypast. [Single leaf, printed in black letter. No printer's name.]

Nov. 22. 70. Proclamation against the Earls of Huntly and Erroll, forbidding all persons to hold communication with them. [Single leaf, printed in black letter. No printer's name.]

Nov. 22. 71. Mr. David Black's declaration to the King and Council of Scotland, in answer to charges brought against him, of speaking certain irreverent words, in his sermon at St. Andrew's Kirk, in October last, and denying the King's right of jurisdiction over him.

Nov. 24. 72. Proclamation by King James, prohibiting the ministers to make convocation of the Barons and other his lieges, and forbidding such persons to obey the summonses of the said ministry or Presbytery.

Nov. 24. 73. Proclamation, charging certain ministers who had convened together at Edinburgh for sundry matters against the laws of God and man, and prejudicial to the Royal authority, to depart home to their flocks within twenty-four hours.

Nov. 24. 74. Proclamation by King James, summoning Mr. David Black to appear before him and the Lords of the Secret Council, to answer for uttering certain contemptuous and untrue speeches against him, the Queen his spouse, the Queen of England, and the lawful authority of Princes.

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Nov. 27. 75. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Persons appointed for Edinburgh, Border Commissioners. Mr. Black's denial of the King's authority. Approaching baptism of the Princess. Huntly and Erroll at their houses in no little comfort. Discharge of one of the Kings ministers. *Incloses,*

75. i. *Proclamation against Huntly and Erroll, forbidding all persons to hold communication with them.* [MS. copy of No. 70.] Nov. 22.

75. ii. *Articles set down by the King to be performed by the Earl of Huntly before he receive any licence to return to Scotland.* [MS. copy of No. 69.] Nov. 22.

75. iii. *Mr. David Black's "declinator," or denial of the King's authority over him as a minister of the Church.* [Copy of No. 71.] Nov. 22.

75. iv. *Proclamation forbidding convocations of Barons and others to be made by ministers.* [Copy of No. 72.] Edinburgh, Nov. 24.

75. v. *Proclamation restoring Mr. Denniston to the office of Scottish Conservator in the Low Countries.* [Copy of No. 68.] Nov. 20.

Nov. 27. 76. Declaration by the King and Council of Scotland, deferring Edinburgh. the meeting of the Border Commissioners, in consequence of the great solemnities commonly observed in England at Yule or Christmas, until the 12th of January.

Nov. 28. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. Instructions how to conduct himself in her Majesty's behalf at the approaching baptism of the Princess of Scotland. To remind the King of his promise not to grant any conditions to the Earls without her Majesty's privity. To remonstrate on the delayed meeting of the Commissioners, and to entertain certain offers made by the friends of Buccleuch. [Vol. lii., p. 156.]

Nov. 30. 77. Another "declinator," by Mr. David Black, Minister of the Evangel. A declaration wherein he denies the King's authority or right of jurisdiction over him, the matter alleged against him being purely of a spiritual nature, and not to be tried or judged by any civil authority whatsoever.

Nov. 30. 78. Articles offered by the Commissioners of the Kirk to the King and Council of Scotland, warning them of the evil consequences of allowing the forfeited Earls to remain in the kingdom, professing their affection to the King, and begging him not to encroach upon the limits of their jurisdiction, lest the wrath of the Lord should be kindled against him.

Nov. 79. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs that a letter may be written to Mr. Bowes, to compel him to pay certain monies which had been due two years.

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Dec. 1. 80. Relation of Pury Ogilby's negotiation in Spain since May 1596; "and how that he was committed by the King a prisoner in Spain at Barcelona, upon suspicion of doble dealing." [Various papers in Spanish, some of which have been described at anterior dates.]

Dec. 81. Similar papers in French, entitled,—
Le sommaire des memoires que Jean Ogleby, Baron Escossois, envoié par le Roy d'Escosse a baillé a sa Ma^{te} Catholique, en faveur de la ligne entre les deux Rois, et ce que Jean Cecill, prêtre Anglois, de la part des Comtes et autres Seigneurs Catholiques d'Escosse a exhibé au contraire en la cité de Toleda, en mois de May et de Juin, 1596.

Dec. 4. 82. "The King's mind intended to be declared by proclamation to rescind the Act prohibiting conventions by the ministry." [In the autograph of Mr. George Nicolson.]

Dec. 83. "Process against Mr. David Black," consisting of—
The first summons and citation of Mr. Black before his Majesty and Lords of Secret Council. Nov. 10.
Minutes of Mr. Black's first examination. Nov. 18.
Mr. Black's "declinator" or declaration, denying the King's right of jurisdiction over him. Nov. [22.]
King James' second summons to Mr. Black. Nov. 24.
Act discharging the Convention of the Commissioners of the General Assembly. Nov. 24.
Act forbidding the unlawful Convocation of Barons and others by the ministers. Nov. 24.
Minutes of the proceedings at Mr. Black's second appearance before the King and Council; with their answer to his denial of their authority. Nov. 30.
Depositions by sundry persons as to the charges brought against Mr. Black, of evil speaking in his sermons against the King, Dec. 1.
The sentence and decree pronounced by his Majesty and Lords of Secret Council against Mr. Black. Dec. 2.
A declaration of the former proclamation anent the discharging of unlawful convocations at the desire of the ministers. Dec. 9.

Dec. 14. 84. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Daily alterations and trouble. Has thought it necessary to send up George Nicolson to declare the state of matters there.
Edinburgh.

Dec. 14. 85. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Troubles between the King and the Ministers. Is forced to send his servant George Nicolson to give him full information in this and other weighty matters.
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86. "A draught as the ministers would have had all things pacified and ended," consisting of—

"An Acte of Counsell craved of his Ma^{tie} for annulling of ane former Act made by his Ma^{tie} and Counsell contraire the Commissioners of the Kirk."

"An Acte craved of his Ma^{tie} and Counsell annulling ane other Act made against the Convention of the Kirk."

"The bande craved by the Kirk of his Ma^{tie}.

"The bande offered by the Kirk to his Ma^{tie}."

Dec. 17.
Edinburgh.

87. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Daily increase of the troubles there. Proclamation commanding the Commissioners of the Church to leave the town. Exhortation made in the pulpit that day. Petition presented to the King by the Barons and others. The King's anger. Call to arms. The tumult pacified. A libel thrown into the Church. Band for defence of religion. *Incloses*,

87. i. *Articles proposed to the King of Scots by sundry nobles and others, in respect to the great danger whereto the state of religion and the kingdom is brought, by the means of his crafty and deceitful Counsellors.* Dec. 17.

Dec. 18.
Edinburgh.

88. Mr. Robert Bruce to Lord Hamilton. Informs him of the conference of the ministers with the King, expulsion of the Commissioners and conviction of Mr. David Black, of the general rising of the town in arms, and of their having chosen his Lordship [Hamilton] as their leader.

Dec. 18.

89. Copy of the same letter.

Dec. 21.
Edinburgh.

90. Mr. Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Protestation made by M'Lane and others in the Church for the maintenance of the true religion. A tumult in the street. M'Lane seeks the King to defend him. M'Lane goes to Argyll; their meeting with the King the next day. M'Lane's offer to serve her Majesty with two or three thousand men, against some forces to be sent for the King of Spain into Ireland.

Dec. 21.
Edinburgh.

91. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The late tumult at the Tolbooth; the mover of it declared guilty of treason. The King retires to Linlithgow. Proclamation for removal of the session; another for the removal of foreigners from Edinburgh. Ill feeling against himself. *Incloses*,

91. i. *Proclamation by the King of Scotland, directing that Mr. Robert Bruce, and certain other ministers who had lately broken in upon him in Council at the Tolbooth in riotous manner, should be summoned before him to answer for the same.* Linlithgow, Dec. 20.

91. ii. *Another proclamation charging the Provost and Bailies of Edinburgh to proceed to the apprehension of the said ministers.* Linlithgow, Dec. 20.

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Dec. 23. 92. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Particulars of the late controversy between the King and the ministers. Mr. Black's denial of the King's authority. The ministry side with him. The late exhortation made in the pulpit to certain nobles. Their meeting after church, and representation sent to the King at the Tolbooth. The King's manner of receiving it. Subsequent tumult. The ministers' letter to Lord Hamilton.

Dec. 25. 93. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Andrew Carr, of Faudonside to be put out of the Commission for Border Causes. Submission of the inhabitants of Edinburgh to the King. The letter sent by the ministers to Lord Hamilton. Ministers and burgesses put to the horn. The pensions of all ministers refusing to sign the Act of Council are to be stayed. Mr. Patrick Galloway, late the King's minister, declines to sign it at present.

Dec. 26. 94. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Recommends Mr. Robert Denniston, Conservator for the Scottish nation in Holland, who hath offered to serve her Majesty.

Dec. 27. 95. [Robert Bruce] to Lord Hamilton. Remonstrates on the way in which he has abused him, by showing his letter to the King, and that not a copy of the original, but vitiate, mangled, altered, and adulterated. Attributes all the inconveniences, which may ensue to the good cause, to him, and leaves him to his conscience for punishment.

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Jan. 2. 1. Proclamation by King James, warning his subjects of the intention of the King of Spain to invade the kingdom of England in the ensuing summer, and commanding them to omit no kind of preparation, by musters and otherwise, for the resistance of the same.

Printed by Robert Waldegrave.

Jan. 2. 2. MS. Copy of the same proclamation.

Jan. 3. 3. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Suggests the immediate sending of the passport for the Scottish Commissioners for Border affairs. Reminds him also of the present for the baptism. Requests his resolution anent the papist Earls, the offer made for Huntly, the case of Buccleuch, and other matters.

[Jan.] 4. A note of such things as Robert Bowes, her Majesty's Ambassador in Scotland, desireth her pleasure and instructions in; with warrant for his dealings agreeable to the same, and for which I [George Nicolson] am sent up, and attend your honour's [Sir R. Cecil's] good pleasure.

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Jan. 4.
Edinburgh.

5. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The Scottish Commissioners for Border matters. Submission of the city of Edinburgh to the King. The King's public entry into the city and visit to the great church; his long oration after Mr. David Lindsay's sermon there. Convention of the nobility. Order to be taken respecting the forfeited Earls. *Incloses.*

5. I. *Robert Bruce and other ministers to the Lord Hamilton, informing him of the King's persecution of them, and of their having risen in arms, and of their having chosen him to be their leader.* December 18, 1596.

5. II. *Another copy of the same letter, as it was presented to the King, varying materially from the preceding.*

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6. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—The King's oration in church at Edinburgh; the ministers' letter to Lord Hamilton; the letter shown by Lord Hamilton to the King.

Jan. 4.
Edinburgh.

7. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Informs him of an offer which has been made, in behalf of Buccleuch, of his submission to her Majesty, and requests instructions in the matter.

Jan. 6.
Holyrood.

8. Proceedings of the King in Council in reference to the seditious and treasonable uproar committed against him, sitting in justice in the Tolbooth of Edinburgh, on the 17th of December last.

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9. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. Brain-sick proceedings of the ministers. The sudden return of the Earls. Probability of relief being sent them from Spain. Has moved the Queen for his recall. The approaching christening.

Jan. 6.

Another copy of the same letter. [Vol. lii., p. 158.]

[Jan. 8.]
Westminster.

10. Queen Elizabeth's passport for the King of Scotland's Commissioners for Border causes. Lat.

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11. Copy of the same.

Jan. 10.
Edinburgh.

12. Mr. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Setting off of her Majesty's Commissioners for Border matters. The Convention dissolved. The acts against the town of Edinburgh and the ministers to be mitigated.

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13. Anonymous letter of advices from Edinburgh:—Resignation of office by the "Octavians" [eight gentlemen of the law who superintended the public revenues in Scotland]; sharp admonitions sent to the Catholic Lords; Buccleuch's malice towards England; approaching meeting of the Commissioners; intelligence between Herries and Johnston. Proposed surrender of office by the eight Councillors.

Jan. 13.
Edinburgh.

14. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's oration to a Convention of his nobles, calling for order to be taken with the papist Earls, and demanding satisfaction for the insult offered him by the ministers. Bill exhibited by the Countess of Huntly in favour of the Earl. Lord Sanquhar's excommunication stayed. Proceedings against the ministers. The late tumult declared to be treason.

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Jan. 13. Edinburgh. 15. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Money coming from the Low Countries. Preparations of the Spanish navy. Lord Lindsay put to the horn for convening with the ministers.

Jan. 16. Edinburgh. 16. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Safe conducts for the Border Commissioners. A Convention of the ministers. Their answer to certain articles proposed by the King and Council. Ministers' houses seized. Huntly's offers to the Church.

Jan. 16. Edinburgh. 17. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Delivery of a letter from her Majesty to the King of Scots. Persuasions used to the King to induce him to punish those concerned in the late rash error committed against him at Edinburgh, as also the offences done at home by the forfeited Earls. Money received from the Low Countries. Money coming from Spain.

Jan. 20. 18. Paper, by Lord Burghley, "To be answered how to understand these terms following :" on ecclesiastical matters, the pastor and flock, elders and deacons, presbyteries, the synodall, &c.

Jan. 23. 19. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. Recommends Mr. Alexander Boyd, servant to the Earl of Cassillis, for a passport to Scotland.

Jan. 24. 20. George Nicolson to Lord Burghley. Encloses his opinion of "the estate of the services of Ireland," and offers to serve there with the Scots. Begs that a certain matter in dispute between one Mr. Layton and Mr. Bowes may not be suffered to go on during his [Mr. Bowes'] absence.

20. i. *A discoverie of the advantages the Irish rebels in the Northe have against the English. An overture to encounter them in the same; with answers to some objections to be made against this overture. By George Nicolson.*

Jan. 26. 21. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. In behalf of Alexander Boyd for a passport to Scotland.

Jan. 26. Edinburgh. 22. Alexander Laird of Spynie to the Laird of Clunye. Has seen his letter, wherein he denies before God that he promised any assurance to the Laird of Mincoffer. By these few lines the writer declares him both perjured and a manifest liar, for assurance was given to the gentleman, and under trust of it he was cruelly murdered. Looks to receive some gallant answer by the bearer, how, where, and when the matter betwixt them may be shortly tried by arms.

Jan. 31. Edinburgh. 23. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of the bearer, Roger Aston, for recompence of his services to her Majesty.

[Jan.] 24. The copie of the bande quhilk the King's Majestie desires the ministry to subscribe, acknowledging his supremacy over them ; and the answer of the ministers to the same.

Jan. 25. Another copie of the same "bande," without the answer.

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Jan. 26. List of Nobles and other Councillors in Scotland; with notes by Lord Burghley, whether they are Protestant or Catholic.

[Jan.] 27. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—The Queen of England's sharp letter to his Majesty; a Convention of ministers; articles proposed to them by the King's Commissioners; their answers; copy of the letter from Queen Elizabeth to the King respecting the late tumult and rising against him.

Feb. 1. 28. Mr. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Daily changes and increasing storms. Plottings for Spain. The safe conduct for the Border Commissioners. Proffered devotion and good offices of the Duke of Lennox to her Majesty.

Feb. 1. 29. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Long letter from the King of Scots to her Majesty. Border Commissioners. Result of the inquiry as to the late tumult. The anonymous letter sent to the King. Confession to be obtained from Huntly as to the practices intended against religion and her Majesty. Commission given by the King to Mr. John Preston and others to travail with the Synodal Assembly at Leith. *Incloses,*

29. i. *Copy of an anonymous letter sent to the King of Scots on the disputes between him and the ministers, remonstrating on his assumption of superiority and jurisdiction over them, and finding fault with his Council.*

Feb. 5. 30. The names of such as are to be at the National Convention, in the handwriting of George Nicolson.

Feb. 31. The Questions to be resolvit at the Convention of the Estaits and Generall Assemblie, appointed to be at the burgh of Perth the last day of Februarie next to come. Published by King James. *Small 4to pamphlet. Edinburgh: printed by Robert Waldegrave, printer to the King's Majestie, anno Dom. 1597.*

Feb. 32. MS. copy of the preceding questions, and the King's preface.

Feb. 20. 33. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Broken state of matters there. Need of her Majesty's assistance. His own weakness. Argyll and his friends ready to do her Majesty service.

Feb. 20. 34. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Commends his servant Sheperson. Bothwell still excommunicated; improbability of the ministers seeking him for their leader. Barons warded for the late tumult. Huntly's arrival at Aberdeen; the Bishop's commendation of him in the pulpit; probable absolution of his excommunication. Return of Ladylands, a busy negotiator with the King of Spain, who offers to reveal some great secrets to the King. Powder and lead sent from Glasgow to Tyrone. Argyll's desire to travel abroad. Commencement of the Session at Leith, for the King's wrath against Edinburgh cannot yet be pacified. *Incloses,*

34. i. *Petitions proposed to the King by the Synod of Lothian, convened at Leith, and the King's replies.* Feb. 3.

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Feb. 23. 35. — to the King of Scots. If he has ever offended his Majesty will submit himself to his will and crave pardon. Begs audience that he may satisfy him of his proceedings at the late uproar.

Feb. 24. 36. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Thomas Nicolson, lately arrived from the Low Countries, has something to communicate to him which he thinks it not fit to commit to writing.

Feb. 26. 37. Mr. Bowes to Lord Burghley. Five inroads made by Scotchmen in Gillisland during the time of the treaty between the Border Commissioners. Proceedings of the Commissioners. Petitions to the King to defer the General Assembly of the Church; his refusal to do so. Huntly's submission, and offers to the Church. Submission of Lord Forbes to the King. The present violent course against religion. *Incloses,*

37. i. *Commission from the Presbytery of Edinburgh, appointing Mr. David Lindsay and others to attend at the General Assembly of the Ministry convened for the 28th February instant at Perth.* February.

37. ii. *The Presbytery's instructions to the said Commissioners.* February.

Feb. 26. 38. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. In behalf of two gentlemen, Thomas Otterburn and Thomas Hamilton, for passports to Scotland.

March. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Expresses her satisfaction at the calming of the evil motions in Edinburgh, and the care with which he has followed her advice, but requests that, without more excuses, Buccleuch and Cessford may be delivered up to her, as right and reason require. [Vol. lii., p. 189.]

[Feb.] 39. Anonymous letter of Scottish advices:—Horses sent to the King from Ireland; the approaching Convention at Perth; the ministers' intention not to go; the Secretary to go to France; evil words of Buccleuch; the Queen's assistance to be procured to resist him.

March 2. 40. Earl of Erroll to Thomas Nicolson. Sorry for his brother's misfortune, and that he should have sent him there so suspiciously; thinks it better for his safety that he should come to Holland, but not by way of Antwerp; when he comes to Liege he is to speir at the Jesuits' college for the Earl of Huntly, in case he [Erroll] is not there himself.

March 6. 41. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. Excuses for not writing. Mr. Aston has carried himself well with the Queen. Sends a passport for Argyll. Any offers of the Treasurer's and the Prior of Blantyre's must be entertained. Does not see how he can procure his [Bowes'] return while the treaty lasts.

March 6. Copy of the same. [Vol. lii., p. 160.]

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March 7. 42. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Recommends four Scottish gentlemen, coming from the schools in France, for passports to Scotland.

March 9. 43. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. M'Lane has recovered from his sickness and is ready to be employed by her Majesty. Intelligence with Spain. Provisions put in readiness. Safe conduct requested for Argyll.

March 9. 44. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. A conference with the Clerk Registrar respecting the preparations of the Maxwells and Johnstons to revenge the feuds between them. The deferred meeting of the Border Commissioners. Meeting of the Convention ; great attendance of the ministry ; debate between them and the King. The whole town of Edinburgh put to the horn. The Secretary going as the King's Ambassador to France. Conditions granted to Huntly. *Incloses,*

44. i. *Articles proposed by the King of Scotland to be concluded upon by the General Assembly on ecclesiastical matters ; with the answers to the same, and the names of the Commissioners appointed to confer farther thereupon.*

February 28.

March 12. 45. Laird of Bomby to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs a warrant for two London. of his servants to go home and return again to procure certain provisions for him, before he returns to the Bathe.

March 13. 46. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Credits Sir William Bowes, with whom she has conferred on certain difficulties which had arisen among the Border Commissioners, as well as respecting some other matters which have fallen out since.

March 13. 47. Copy of the same.

March 13. Another copy. [Vol. lii., p. 165.]

March 21. 48. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Untimely delay in the Edinburgh. meeting of the Commissioners. The King's excuses. The King will not accept any offers from Edinburgh, except they shall first come into his will. Supplication for the ministers presently at horn. The Earl of Erroll in the Canongate ; the Queen's gracious message to him. The Secretary's embassy to France. Daily increase of his own [Bowes'] weakness and infirmities.

March 21. 49. Act of the King and Council of Scotland naming the conditions, fines, &c., on which the town of Edinburgh is to be received again into his favour.

March 22. Act of the King in Council remitting and discharging all actions and causes, criminal or civil, which his Highness had, has, or any ways may have, moved, or intended, against the Provost and others of the town of Edinburgh. [With the preceding.]

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March 23. 50. Note, by Christopher Shepseron, of certain Scottish matters to be submitted to the Lord Treasurer, and of which he solicits his Lordship's favourable furtherance.

March 23. Edinburgh. 51. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Safe conduct received for Argyll. The Duke of Lennox's devotion to her Majesty. Sir William Bowes' mission to obtain the delivery of Buccleuch and Cessford. His own weakness.

March. 52. Note, by Christoper Shepseron, of "remembrances" for Scotland. Suggestions for the improvement of matters there. Necessity of Mr. Bowes' recall. Safe conduct for Argyll. The great dearth.

March. 53. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—Conference with Mr. Mansfield; his communications with Buccleuch; proceedings at the late Convention; Huntly licensed to go to Aberdeen, to confer with the ministers. Dangerous illness of the Lord Treasurer. The Captain of Bewcastle too familiar with Buccleuch.

March 30. Whitehall. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. The King to be informed that the English Commissioners will be ready by the day appointed. Her Majesty's regret to be expressed to the King that she did not resolve upon some course of revenge, against those Borderers that have so foully abused her, rather than by treaty. [Vol. iii., p. 166.]

April 1. Whitehall. A memorial of some things fit to be imparted to the King of Scots, by Sir William Bowes, one of her Majesty's Commissioners for the Borders:—To remonstrate with the King on the lewd acts of Buccleuch and Cessford, to incite him to give proper redress for them, and to speak with Lord Scrope concerning the matter of the Carletons. [Vol. iii., p. 167.]

April 3. Edinburgh. 54. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King to stay at Dumfries till the meeting of the Border Commissioners. The houses of Carlaverok, and others rendered to the King. Assurance given by the Maxwells to the King. The ministers of Edinburgh still upon their trial. A public fast appointed for the conversion of Huntly.

April 11. Edinburgh. 55. Robert Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Buccleuch and Cessford not meant to be delivered up to her Majesty. Care of the King and Council to satisfy her Majesty in other respects. Overtures made to him in behalf of Buccleuch and Cessford, their anxiety to have her Majesty's favour. Illness and suspected bewitchment of the Chancellor.

April 11. Edinburgh. 56. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Approaching meeting of the Commissioners. The King's promise to deliver pledges. Redress demanded for the offences of Buccleuch and Cessford. Spanish ships arrived in Ireland to the aid of O'Donnell. Reported arrival of Erroll in Scotland. Argyll's projected journey into foreign parts.

April 20. Burntisland. 57. Sir Robert Melvill to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of Captain William Boswell, his kinsman, who is desirous of a passport to France.

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April 21. Edinburgh. 58. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. An interview with the King on the subject of the late outrage in the East Marches. Proceedings of Border Commissioners. Delivery of pledges. The King's promises. The King's reconciliation to the ministry. Huntly's agreement to subscribe the articles of religion.

April 22. Holyrood. 59. King James to Queen Elizabeth. The probability of the Commissioners making a good agreement is the cause of the present disorders on the Borders. Begs her, as their officers will report them partially, to keep one ear for the Scottish part, and she shall have all the justice that she can in reason require of him.

April 27. Whitehall. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Bowes. Directs him to complain to the King of sundry new insolencies committed against her on the Borders, and to inform him that she shall now seek to relieve her subjects by her own power, without further dallying in treaties. [Vol. lii., p. 171.]

April 27. Whitehall. The Queen to Sir William Bowes. Instructs him to complain to the King of some recent incursions committed by the Scots on the Borders, and to inform him that they shall henceforward taste of a sourer neighbourhood. [Vol. lii., p. 172.]

April 27. Whitehall. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bowes. The late outrages committed by Buccleuch and others in the Marches. Her Majesty's intention to strengthen her Borders with some horse and foot. Instructions for him [Bowes] not to break the treaty as he was directed in a previous letter. [Vol. lii., p. 173.]

April 27. Whitehall. Sir Robert Cecil to Sir William Bowes. Instructs him, in consequence of the late outrages, to go immediately to the King, as previously directed, and to put himself in communication with her Majesty's Ambassador in Scotland. [Vol. lii., p. 175.]

April 29. Edinburgh. 60. Mr. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of Lord Sanquhar, for her Majesty's safe conduct to travel to France.

April. 61. [James Hudson] to Sir Robert Cecil. Lord Sanquhar, who is going to France, desires a safe conduct; he was with Mrs. Barbara Ruthven all the afternoon, but they both seemed to desire that he [Hudson] should not know it. [Not signed.]

May 1. Carlisle. 62. Treaty of peace between Elizabeth Queen of England and James VI. King of Scotland; together with overtures thought most expedient for pacifying the Borders.

May 1. Another copy. [Borders, Vol. lxxv., fol. 94.]

May 2. Edinburgh. 63. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Requests his courtesy towards Sir John and Sir Hugh Carmichael, that they may be encouraged to continue in their good feeling towards her Majesty.

May 3. Edinburgh. 64. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. The Border Commissioners will finish the bills in three or four days. Buccleuch and his accomplices to be "filed." The report of the coming of the Spanish navy to the Groyne much comforteth the papists. Colonel Sempill's sister arrived from Spain with letters.

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May 10. 65. Notes, in form of declaration, of certain Acts made in the General Assembly held at Perth, in February last, on ecclesiastical matters; for explaining his Majesty's and the Assembly's meaning, for the satisfaction of such as then were not acquainted therewith; with answer to the questions proposed by the King and his Commissioners.

May 11. Edinburgh. 66. Sir William Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. Reports his negotiation concerning Border matters; his meeting with the Scottish Commissioners; the matter of the reprisal in Liddesdale; attempts made by Buccleuch and others meanwhile. His journey to Scotland; audience of the King; his address and remonstrance to him; the King's answer. Required delivery of Buccleuch and Cessford. Subsequent interview with the Commissioners.

May 11. Edinburgh. 67. Robert Bowes to Queen Elizabeth. The decision of the Border Commissioners respecting Buccleuch and Cessford. Presentation of Sir William Bowes to the King. His [Robert Bowes'] remonstrance to the King respecting the outrages committed by Cessford and others. Interview with the Border Commissioners. Further decision respecting Buccleuch and Cessford.

May 11. Edinburgh. 68. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Letter from John Achinros. Troubles in Ireland. Angus MacOnell's departure from the Court in discontent. Convention of the Church at Dundee. Huntly's reformation. His [Bowes'] decay and weakness. *Incloses*,

68. i. *John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. Armour and gold received by Tyrone from Spain. Overtures made to M'Lane; his intention to send his men there if his services are not better esteemed in England. Two pavilions "pallionis" prepared at Glasgow, one of which will hold three huudred men with beds, thought to be for Tyrone.*

Dumbarton, May 8.

May 11. Edinburgh. 69. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Sir William Bowes' arrival and audience of the King. Proceedings with the Border Commissioners. Spanish practices. His own age and weakness.

May 11. Edinburgh. 70. Sir William Bowes to Lord Burghley. The treaty made with the Border Commissioners. Begs excuse for oversights on account of the necessity of his sudden journey to Scotland.

May 11. Edinburgh. 71. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Matter omitted in his letter to the Queen. The King's objection to the receipt of Bothwell in England; his trouble how to satisfy her Majesty about Buccleuch and Cessford. Matter between Lord Scrope and Thomas Carleton.

May 13. Dundee. 72. Act of the King and Council of Scotland, for regulating certain branches of trade, the importation of English cloth, price of gold and silver, customs, exportation of "burne coole," scarcity of pennies, and other matters.

May 13. 73. Copy of the same.

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May 14. Dundee. 74. Answers made by the Earls of Erroll and Angus to certain articles proposed to them in regard to their religion, and other matters.

May 15. 75. Letter of advices from Scotland:—The Convention at Dundee; the King demands the restoration of the Lords; cause of the King's favour to them; the Kirk's answer; the Duke of Maine is "laying all plats" to agree France and Spain.

May 19. 76. The bill of sondry somes of money defrayed in her Majesty's service in Scotland by Mr. Robert Bowes. [With order for payment signed by Lord Burghley.]

May 27. 77. Letter of advices from Scotland:—Sir William Bowes' negotiations with the King in regard to Buccleuch and Cessford; Robert Bowes' accusations against Buccleuch; the King's reply; Mr. Bowes presents the Queen's letter to him; the flat defiance contained in it.

May 27. 78. Notes concerning the present estate of Scotland, consisting in a Prince Sovereign and two factions in religion, by Archibald Douglas.

May 30. Edinburgh. 79. Mr. Robert Bowes and Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Further audience with the King in respect to the required delivery up of Buccleuch and Cessford to her Majesty; the King refers them to his Council; debate with the Council on the subject. Another interview with the King; his reply to them; his demand of Bothwell and other fugitives in England.

May 31. Edinburgh. 80. Robert Bowes and Sir William Bowes to Lord Burghley. Proceedings at the Convention in regard to trade. The King's declaration concerning her Majesty's required delivery of Buccleuch and Cessford. Proceedings between the Presbyteries and the Catholic Earls. Ladylands has lately returned from Spain banded with the papists. The Church Commissioners summoned by the King to Linlithgow.

May. 81. Substance of the proceedings between the Commissioners of the General Assembly and the Earl of Huntly; with the Earl's answer to the articles proposed to him.

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June 7. Queen Elizabeth to Sir William and Mr. Robert Bowes. Her surprise that there should be fresh disputations after the Commissioners have concluded the treaty. The King of Scotland's promises to her. Remonstrance to be made to him in regard to the non-delivery of Buccleuch and Cessford. [Vol. lii., p. 178.]

June 7. Sir Robert Cecil to Sir William and Mr. Robert Bowes. The King's ill dealing towards her Majesty. Her good acceptance of their labours, though she writes dryly of it in her letter to be shown to the King. The Wardens are commanded to obey their orders. [Vol. lii., p. 182.]

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June 7. 1. Laird of Bomby to Lord Burghley. His only object in coming to this country [England] was to try and benefit his health by the use of the Bath near unto Bristol, but finding himself worse, and his disease turned into "a tympanicall hydropsie," he wishes to return home, and requests a commission for post horses to do so.

June 14. 2. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—The King's countenance to the two English Ambassadors not favourable; expected visit of the King of Denmark; great Jesuits arrived in Scotland; the Catholic Lords suspected of new trafficking; news from Brussels and France.

June 16. 3. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—The King of Denmark's journey into Norway; movements of the Kings of Poland and Sweden; a Spanish Ambassador in Denmark.

June 18. 4. Robert Bowes and Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Edinburgh. Arrival of the King of Denmark. Huntly's conference with the King. Mr. George Young to be sent to her Majesty about Border causes. The Laird of Nidderie slain this day in Edinburgh.

June 22. 5. Robert Bowes and Sir William Bowes to the Queen. Receipt Edinburgh. of her letters. Audience of the King. Remonstrance about the disputes in the Border causes, and the non-delivery of Buccleuch and Cessford; the King's answer; their reply. Delivery of the pledges.

June 22. 6. Robert Bowes and Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Edinburgh. Conference with Mr. Young about the delivery of pledges.

[June.] 7. Occurrents out of Scotland:—Sir William Bowes' ill success with the King; pledges to be sent to England; attendance on the King of Denmark; proceedings of Jesuits.

June 29. 8. Extracts from the Acts of Council, by William Wylic, of the Edinburgh. appearance of Sir Robert Carr, of Cessford before the King and Council, and his promise to "enter" certain persons on the 7th of July next, to be taken order with as his Highness shall think expedient.

June 29. 9. Extracts from the Acts of Council, of the King's warrant to Edinburgh. Sir Janes Johnston, Warden of the West Marches, for the apprehension of John and Jock Armstrong and others.

June 30. Another extract of the appearance before the Council of Sir Edinburgh. Walter Scott, of Branxholm, and his promise to "enter" certain persons before the King by a certain day; that they may be taken order with. [With No. 8.]

June ? 10. Thomas Nicholson, a Scotchman, to [Lord Burghley]. Forwards particulars of his brother's noisome voyage, and of his proceedings with his Lordship's son [Sir Robert Cecil].

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11. A narrative by the writer of the preceding letter, addressed to Lord Burghley. His mission from his brother to the King of Spain's bounds, with some letters to the Earls of Huntly and Erroll. Apprehension of the Laird of Logie for writing to Sir Robert Cecil. His own apprehension and torture at Brussels, and interview with Father Gordon and others. His brother's voyage to Calais and journey to Brussels, where all was hindered by Charles Paget. Overture made to his brother to assist in the surprise of Campveir. His return to Calais, where he was commanded to keep his lodging; his illness, and consequent permission to go to St. Omer. His interview there with Father Matthias, and a friar who confessed that he wore the habit only as a colour to do some notable service to his country and religion; and who offered, upon conditions, to render the town of Graveling to the Queen of England. His brother's subsequent arrest at Boulogne; their joint labour and expenses.

July 4.
Edinburgh.

12. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's intention as to the taking of the pledges. Mr. George Young to go to England to give satisfaction for Buccleuch and Cessford. A discovery of [Barclay of] Ladylands' design to take the Isle of Ailsa, in the mouth of Clyde. Huntly and Erroll at a sermon, and both absolved from their excommunication. James Gordon gone to Tyrone. The plague at Musselburgh. *Incloses*,

12. i. *Details of the Laird of Ladylands' design to have taken the Isle and house of Ailsa; and of his object to set up the mass in it, and to correspond with Spain.*

July 11.
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The Hague.

13. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Is come there with the King of Scotland's permission on his lawful affairs, and wishes to know if he can do her Majesty or himself any service there. A matter is broaching which he cannot communicate till he receives a cipher.

July 13.
Edinburgh.

14. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The delivery of the pledges; Cessford's excuses. Buccleuch's failure to deliver his; his offer to resign his office. Johnston's excuses. The King's proceedings at St. Andrews against the preachers and witches. Many witches executed; their service to the devil. Commendable behaviour of Huntly and Erroll.

[July.]

15. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—A complaint made by Buccleuch and Cessford of Sir William Bowes' attempt to capture them; delivery of pledges; corruption at Court; the King's reformation among the colleges and ministry at St. Andrews.

July 21.
Edinburgh.

16. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Overtures made to him by Buccleuch. Buccleuch's committal to the Castle for non-delivery of his pledges; his offers to serve her Majesty. Restoration of the ministers of Edinburgh. Outbreak in the Middle March.

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July 23.
Edinburgh.

17. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Audience of the King on Border matters. The King's complaints against his Council for favouring Buccleuch. Delivery of pledges. Buccleuch and Johnston in prison. Huntly's and Erroll's protestations towards the religion. The ministers of Edinburgh. Ladylands' plots for Spain, Ireland, and Scotland.

July 31.
Edinburgh.

18. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. An outrage in Gillesland; proceedings thereupon. The King's grief. Buccleuch secretly released by the King, to go and fetch his pledges; his return, and entry into ward.

July.

19. King James to Queen Elizabeth. The nonperformance of the promises he made to her Ambassadors is through the default of others. He has now taken security for the pledges, and begs she will appoint a day for their mutual delivery.

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20. Copy of the same letter.

August 6.
Edinburgh.

21. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Buccleuch set at liberty, the pledges also, on caution. The King's readiness to deliver the pledges according to treaty. The late outrage in Gillesland. Emulation between Buccleuch and Cessford. *Incloses*,

21. I. *Proclamation by the King of Scotland, for repressing certain disorders in the Marches, and forbidding any future incursions into England on pain of death.* August 2.

21. II. *Instructions from the King of Scotland to Sir John Carmichael for restoring order in the Borders.* July 30.

August 15
Edinburgh.

22. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Troubles in the Marches. Good justice done by Sir Robert Cary. A Parliament appointed at the suits of Angus, Huntly, and Erroll. Erroll in great "bravery" at Falkland. The plague at Dunfermline. The King much pestered with witches, who swarm in thousands; their confession of practices against the life of the King and the young Prince. A foray by Sir John Carr.

August 15.
Edinburgh.

23. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. The design upon Ailsa. Ladylands' papers. An Englishman "practising" in Ireland; the Queen's gift of 100*l.* to him. Excuses made to M'Lane for previous silence. Tyrone requires aid from the Isles. *Incloses*,

23. I. *John Achinros to Mr. Bowes. Informs him of the pay required by M'Lane for his men, and of M'Lane's services to her Majesty against Tyrone.* Edinburgh, August 8.

August 15.
Greenwich.

Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Bowes. Her Majesty allows his services although they have not produced the desired effect, and she has been pleased to send Sir William Bowes there for certain purposes which he will communicate. [Vol. lii., p. 185.]

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August 26. 24. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Receipt of his letters and the proclamations. Is much pressed for her Majesty's answer to the overtures made by the King and Council for pacifying the Borders. False report of the defeat of her Majesty's fleet by the Spaniards.

[August.] 25. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland:—Peace of the Catholic Lords proclaimed; Sir James Sandilands ambushed by Lord Grayme, and left for dead. A great grudge arisen against the Lord President by some in the North.

Sept. 5. 26. Anonymous letter of advices:—The King bent upon the examination of the sorcerers; great debate between Orkney and Caithness; feud between the Maxwells and Johnstons.

Sept. 7. 27. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. Overtures from Buccleuch. Agreement between Lord Scrope and Buccleuch. Buccleuch and Cessford more tractable. Appearance of quiet. A pamphlet by a Frenchman, who gives himself out to be a poet; his communication with the King. A letter out of Ireland from Sorley Boy.

Sept. 8. 28. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Border matters. The King to enter shortly into his progress. The King's wish for him to retire to Berwick during the continuance of the plague. Lennox claims Dumbarton Castle. *Incloses,*

28. i. *Roger Aston to Mr. Bowes. Daily increase of the plague. The King's wish for him [Bowes] to retire to Berwick. Letter from MacOnell to the King. Her Majesty's resolution expected concerning the pledges.*

Falkland, Sept. 1.

Sept. 12. 29. Mr. John Lindesay, Secretary of State of Scotland, to Lord Burghley. Glad of his good will towards the King his master. The bearer is authorised to receive the King's gratuity from her Majesty, and he hopes it will not be diminished.

Sept. 12. 30. Mr. John Lindesay to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends the bearer, Robert Joussie, a merchant, appointed to receive the King's annuity.

Sept. 15. 31. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Delivery of the pledges. Communication with Sir William Bowes thereon. The King appoints Commissioners for the same. Reported communication between the King and Tyrone. A faction to be raised by Glamis against the Duke of Lennox and others.

Sept. 15. 32. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for permission to retire to Berwick. George Nicolson is appointed to follow the King.

Sept. 17. Sir Robert Cecill to Sir William Bowes. The Queen's approval of his proceedings in regard to Buccleuch and Cessford; her satisfaction that the treachery of the latter did not prove harmful to him. Her Majesty's wishes in regard to the custody of Buccleuch Delivery of pledges. [Vol. lii., p. 192.]

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Sept. 20. Edinburgh. 33. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. A fight between the Johnstons and the followers of Drumlanrig. A Convention is called, and he has, therefore, stayed his journey to Berwick. M'Oneill and M'Lane have been reconciled by means of Argyll.

[Sept.] 34. "Answer to Mr. Bowes' letter." Memoranda :—Commissioners to meet on the 29th; pledges for the West Marches to be respited till the 29th October.

Sept. 20. Edinburgh. 35. Robert Bowes to the Privy Council. In answer to a letter in favour of John Browne, Recorder of Berwick, reporting his interview with the King on the subject and the granting of his suit.

Sept. 24. 36. Privy Council of England to Mr. Bowes. Although her Majesty cannot but very much dislike of this continual putting off of the mutual delivery of pledges, yet she is content that the 29th may hold for the same. [Vol. lli, p. 185.]

Sept. 26. Linlithgow. 36. Proclamation by King James, summoning his subjects to arms, for the pursuit of certain disobedient persons, who have violated their promises, of entering as pledges for Sir Walter Scott, of Branxholme.

Sept. 27. Linlithgow. 37. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Requests courteous usage, and a passport, for the Conservator of the privileges of the Scottish merchants in the Low Countries, and his servants.

Sept. 27. Linlithgow. 38. King James to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of the bearer Robert Joussie, appointed to receive his annuity from her Majesty.

Sept. 39. "Occurrents out of Scotland":—Rash speeches of the ministers; Sir William Bowes and the pledges; the King's care to establish order in Edinburgh.

Oct. 3. Edinburgh. 40. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecil. Commends to his favour Mr. Robert Deniston, Lord Conservator for the Scottish nation in the Low Countries.

[Oct.] 41. "A remembrance for the procuring of her Majesty's safe conduct for Mr. Deniston."

Oct. 5. Linlithgow. 42. King James to [Mr. Bowes?]. Informs him of his intention to pass to Buccleuch's bounds on the 10th inst., to see to the delivery of his pledges; and begs that her Majesty will send down a Lieutenant, or some special man, to "hold hand" to him, and assist in the same.

Oct. 6. Linlithgow. 43. King James to Sir William Bowes. Buccleuch's pledges have betrayed him. Buccleuch has entered himself in England. Relief requested for him on his bond, that he may trap these pledges.

Oct. 7. Edinburgh. 44. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley and Sir Robert Cecil. Difficulties about the delivery of the pledges. The King's wish for her Majesty to appoint a Lieutenant to meet him. His own [Bowes'] ill health. Feuds. The Duke, Maxwell, Johnston, &c. Huntly and Argyll likely to fall into new trouble.

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Oct. 14. Edinburgh. 45. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Remonstrance to the King about the non-delivery of the pledges; his answer. Proclamation about the Borders. Parliament adjourned. The Duke and Mar very strong at Linlithgow. *Incloses.*

45. I. *King James to Mr. Bowes. His regret for the "accident" on Saturday. His anxiety for the delivery of the pledges. His orders to Lord Home.* Linlithgow, Oct. 13.

Oct. 20. Linlithgow. 46. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Treachery of Buccleuch's pledges. His delivery up of himself as security for them. Liberty requested for him that he may go and seek for them.

Oct. 20. Edinburgh. 47. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. George Nicolson sent to the King respecting the broken state of the Borders. Redress demanded for the Queen for the late treachery. Begs advice.

Oct. 21. Edinburgh. 48. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. The King's request for Buccleuch to be set at liberty. Buccleuch's professions to redress his former errors. Pledges for the Middle Marches. Debate between Lord Hamilton and the Duke, respecting Dumbarton Castle. *Incloses.*

48. I. *King James to Mr. Bowes. Begs him to further his request to the Queen for the liberation of Buccleuch, that he may be enabled to go and seek out the pledges who had betrayed him.* Linlithgow, October 20.

48. II. *King James to Mr. Bowes. Requests him to procure information through Sir William Bowes, respecting the authors of the late tumult fallen out at the meeting of the Commissioners for delivery of the pledges.* Linlithgow, October 20.

Oct. 23. Bradley. 49. Sir William Bowes to Mr. Robert Bowes. Informs him why he cannot make a new arrangement, as desired, for the delivery of the pledges, and refers him to the letters which had passed between himself and Lord Home in proof of the same.

Oct. 31. Bradley. 50. Sir William Bowes to Robert Bowes. Thanks him for warning of ill practices intended against him [the writer]; blame imputed to him by the King of Scots; her Majesty's gracious acceptance of his services. Fresh orders for him [Robert Bowes] to persist in requiring the delivery of Cessford; reasons why the King should deliver him up. The delivery of Buccleuch.

Oct. 31. Edinburgh. 51. Robert Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's intended journey to Dumfries for delivery of the pledges; his dislike that Buccleuch should be carried from the Borders. Himself [Bowes] at the point of death. *Incloses.*

51. I. *King James to Mr. Bowes. Expresses his dislike that Buccleuch should be removed from the Borders, contrary to the ordinary custom respecting the entry of pledges.* Linlithgow, October 29.

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Oct. 31. Edinburgh. 52. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. Meeting of the Council respecting the delivery of pledges ; Cessford not to be given up if he delivers his. Contention between the Duke [Lennox] and Lord John Hamilton respecting the custody of Dumbarton Castle. Letters from the King of Scots to France.

October. Glasgow. 53. Certain articles conferred upon between the Lord Treasurer of Scotland and Thomas Fowlis, respecting the Treasurer's resignation of his offices to the King.

Nov. Doward. 54. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Doubts not that she is fully persuaded of his honest intentions in respect to the late "accidents" on the Borders, and begs that she will give such order, that all things may be as speedily performed on her part, as on his, according to equity and justice.

Nov. 1. Doward. 55. Lauchlane M'Lane, of Doward, to Mr. Bowes. Unless he is employed by her Majesty, he shall be forced to license his men to serve where they will get some recompence.

Nov. 6. [Berwick.] 56. Robert Bowes to Lord Burghley. His arrival at Berwick, and consequent increase of his illness. The King's journey for delivery of the pledges. Letter from MacOnell. His allegiance to her Majesty. Border matters referred to Sir William Bowes. *Incloses,*

56. 1. *James Maconnell, of Dunluce, to Mr. Bowes. Certain merchants pertaining to Tyrone have gone to Glasgow to buy powder and other munition, and he begs therefore that they may be detained; and requests that he may have a warrant to seize all Scotchmen that go to aid the rebels in Ireland.* *Dunluce, Sept. 25.*

Nov. ? 57. "An Epitaph vpon the death of the Right Honorable M. Robert Bowes, Esquire," Thesaurer of Berwick, who ended this life the sixteenth of November, 1597, being at that present Ambassadour for the Queene's Majestie to the King of Scotland. By M. William Fowler, Secretarie to the Queene's Majestie of Scotland. *Single sheet. Printed by Robert Walleggrave. Commences,*

"Builde vp, O England ! Statues, Arches, BOWES,
And Tombes and Pillars, to his living fame."

Nov. 18. Berwick. Privy Council of England to Sir William Bowes. Directions for him to fall to some appointment for the delivery of the pledges ; the Queen's intention not to detain Buccleuch after his are delivered. Her wish that he [Sir William Bowes] should be present at Buccleuch's delivery to prevent disorder, and satisfaction is still to be required, for Buccleuch's former lewd attempt. [Vol. iii, p. 193.]

Nov. 22. Berwick. 58. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Death of his master, Mr. Bowes. Has removed his papers for safety from Edinburgh. His own [Nicolson's] destitution. Orders from Sir William Bowes to act in the Border causes. The King busy in the delivery of pledges. The contest between the Duke and Lord Hamilton. Reports of her Majesty's illness, and of the landing of the Spaniards.

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[Dec.] 3. Privy Council to Sir William Bowes. Untimely death of Mr. Bowes. Orders sent about the delivery of the pledges. Nicolson to act in Scotland until the Queen can appoint an Ambassador. [Vol. lii., p. 195.]

[Dec.] 6. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Recommends George Nicolson, whom she has appointed to remain for the present in Scotland, till she can find out a person properly qualified to be sent there as her resident Ambassador. [Vol. lii., p. 196.]

Dec. 9. Edinburgh. 59. Mr. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's return from Dumfries; order established there. The King's wonder that his letters to her Majesty about Buccleuch are not answered. The Parliament. Sickness of the Treasurer. War proclaimed by the King of Poland against England. Irish matters. Border causes.

Dec. 12. Holyrood. 60. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Death of her Majesty's Ambassador. The King's return from his journey; order established by him. The Parliament chiefly appointed for the restoration of the banished Earls. The King will not proceed further in the delivery of the pledges, till some be delivered who will enter for Buccleuch.

Dec. 15. Edinburgh. 61. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Opening of the Parliament. The King's oration, complaining of the wrong done him in the death of his mother, the holding back his annuity, and the efforts to deprive him of his title to the Crown of England; suspicious conduct of his Queen. The Parliament. Kirk matters. The King's favour to Huntly.

Dec. 17. Edinburgh. 62. Anonymous advertisements of Scottish matters:—An attack on Lennox's forces by Lord Hamilton; the three Earls come to the Parliament with forces; discontent of the ministry against them; the King meets them on their way; news of Ireland; Octavians to be established again; the people of Edinburgh on guard night and day; Argyll desired to make a truce with the Earls; he hesitates; the King's orations in Parliament; his reasons for restoring the Earls; his complaints against the Queen of England.

Dec. 21. Holyrood. 63. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Refusal of the King's gratuity; discontent; his complaints against England. Sir James MacOnell seeks audience of the King, which is refused. A man of Tyrone's directed to Huntly.

Dec. 22. London. 64. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. In behalf of a merchant who requires a warrant to transport a trunk of the King's to Scotland.

Dec. 23. Berwick. 65. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Articles given in by the Kirk to the Parliament. The King's harangue about his mother, and his succession to the Crown of England. Restoration of the Earls. He [Nicolson] has been forced to leave Edinburgh, not being able to keep himself there. *Incloses,*

65. i. *Short notes of the articles craved of the Parliament by the Commissioners of the Kirk.* Edinburgh, Dec. 14.

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Dec. 23. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Nicolson. The things spoken at the Parliament must be answered, as they are not true. Nothing was ever done in the English Parliament concerning the Scottish King. Has money for him [Nicolson] which he knows not how to send. [Vol. lii., p. 197.]

Dec. 24. 66. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sir William Bowes arrival about Border causes. Orders for himself; his poverty and need of assistance.

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67. Archibald Harbertson, Exul Scotus, to Sir Robert Cecill. Offers his service to intercept certain letters sent from the Lord Seton, his deadly foe, to one Ambrosio Laricie.

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68. "Ane supplication of the Marchandis of Edinburgh," [to Sir Robert Cecill] complaining of Edward Johnston, their partner, who had appropriated a warrant for transporting wheat to France to his own use, to their great loss.

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Jan. 4. Sir Robert Cecill to Sir William Bowes. Instructs him to remonstrate with the King on his unjust assertions made against her Majesty; and to complain to him of his receiving such a rebel as MacSorley to his presence, and of his having heard from Tyrone without informing her Majesty; also to remonstrate with him in respect to several of his late actions, which must be very prejudicial to any right he may have to the Crown of England. [Vol. lii., p. 198.]

Jan. 4.

Queen Elizabeth to King James. When the strange blast first pierced her ears she thought that flying Fame had brought report of some untruth, but when the records of his Parliament were witness of his pronounced words, she wondered what evil spirits had possessed him to set forth such infamous devices, void of any show of truth. She is sorry that he is so fallen, and will needs throw himself into such a hurpoole of bottomless credit. She vows to God she would not corrupt her tongue with an unknown report of the greatest foe she has, much less could she detract her best deserving friend. She never yet loved him so little as not to moan his infamous dealings, but he must be assured that he deals with such a King [sic] as will bear no wrongs nor endure infamy, and that without large amends she may not, and will not, slupper up any such indignities. The bearer, Sir William Bowes, may be safely credited, to whom she has signified such particularities as befit not the talk of a letter. [Vol. lii., p. 202.]

Jan. 19.
Edinburgh.

1. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's allowance of his service; his desire to prevent his words against her Majesty from being entered in the Acts of Parliament. Probable division among the ministers. Secret offer of service from some person [William Fowler] to her Majesty. *Incloses*,

1. 1. *A cipher, to be used between Sir Robert Cecill and Mr. William Fowler.* January

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Jan. 20. Edinburgh. 2. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Forwards the inclosed letter received from Ireland.

2. i. *Robert Constable to Robert Bowes. His reasons for coming to Ireland. His debts. His services against Tyrone. His imprisonment. Begs relief and release.*

Dunluce Castle, December 7.

Jan. 29. Sir Robert Cecil to Sir William Bowes. The Queen's instructions in respect to the required delivery up of Buccleuch, and the satisfaction still demanded for the breach of Carlisle Castle. [Vol. iii., p. 201.]

Feb. 1. Edinburgh. 3. Sir William Bowes to Lord Burghley. Delivery of her Majesty's letter to the King; its effect upon him; his explanation of his speech in the Parliament respecting her Majesty; remonstrance made to him as to his proceedings as likely to affect his title; his professions towards her Majesty; his excuse about the receipt of MacSorley. Tyrone's letter to him. Non-delivery of the pledges.

Feb. 2. 4. Anonymous letter of advices from Scotland, sent to Lord Scrope:—MacSorley's access to the King of Scotland; present to the Queen; arms brought by him; Angus and Huntly officiating at the Parliament; restoration of the three Earls; divers works [books] concerning the King's "matter of England;" resignation of the Lord Secretary. Dumbarton rendered to Lennox. Arrival of Sir William Bowes. The Duke of Lennox to go in Embassy to England.

Feb. 15. Berwick. 5. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Commends Master William Fowler [the name in cipher] to him, with whom he is to correspond secretly. Reports of the Spaniards coming. The King has written for M'Lane; his readiness to take arms for her Majesty against Tyrone.

Feb. 25. Edinburgh. 6. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Border matters brought to conclusion. Proceedings of Buccleuch against the fugitive pledges. The King's favour to Cessford; he suspects Buccleuch to be "too much Englishified." Affairs of the Kirk. A book, by Walter Quin, the Irishman, concerning the King's title to England; Waldegrave's refusal to print it. Quin is also answering Spenser's book, wherat the King is offended, and Dixon, that taught the Art of Memory in England, is answering Doleman. Reports of Spanish preparations. Mr. Edward Bruce going to England.

Feb. 26. Holyrood. 7. Act of the Council of Scotland, commanding all persons to furnish themselves with harness, weapons, and arms, as a preparation against war, according to their several degrees.

March 5. Edinburgh. 8. George Nicolson to Lord Burghley. Fowler [the name in cipher] is fearful to correspond till he receive Mr. Secretary's letter. Money promised to M'Lane; service to be performed by him in Ireland. Argyll is growing strange, because he is not regarded. Church matters. The King at the High Kirk. Mr. Galloway's declaration after his sermon. *Incloses,*

8. i. *Proclamation forbidding all persons in Scotland to assist or take part with the rebels in Ireland. Holyrood, March 2.*

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March 15. 9. George Nicolson to Lord Burghley. Arrival of the Queen Edinburgh. of Scots' brother. Expedience of sending money to M'Lane to employ him in Ireland. False reports. The Queen's boast of the King of Spain's offers. Mr. Edward Bruce setting out for England. Church matters. *Incloses,*

9. i. *John Achinros to George Nicolson. Offers made to M'Lane on the behalf of Tyrone. Expedience of his being entertained, and that immediately, by England.*

Doward, March 1.

March. 10. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Bruce. Understands his offer of communicating certain dangerous practices to her Majesty; assures him of secrecy, and pawns his honour and credit that he shall be recompensed as he deserves.

March 16. 11. George Nicolson to Lord Burghley. Commends John Archibald, whose brother George has made certain offers of service to him.

March. 12. Memoranda of instructions from the Queen to George Nicolson:—That her Majesty will have that part left out which mentions the burning of the body of the King's mother, and that her Majesty grants the King 3,000*l.* a year only, whatever the King hath received above that sum having been presented as a gift.

March 29. 13. George Nicolson to Lord Burghley. The protestations of Edinburgh. Angus, Huntly, and Erroll of their sincerity to the religion at the Assembly at Dundee. Protest against the Assembly by Mr. John Davison. The King's anger in that matter against Mr. Robert Bruce and others. The pledges required for Cessford and Buccleuch. The Duke of Holstein going to St. Andrews, thence to other places, and to meet the King at Stirling. The Bishop of Aberdeen going in Embassy to Denmark and Germany about the King's title. Foreign coins. New mintage. Reported landing of twenty thousand Spaniards in England.

March ? 14. Anonymous letter of intelligence on Scottish matters, the proceedings of Bothwell in Spain, his intended return to Scotland, and the means of preventing his designs.

[April 1.] 15. Roger Aston to George Nicolson. The King's complaint of the straight handling of Sir Robert Carr. The King is gone to Stirling to visit his good-brother. The King and the Kirk are likely to settle matters amicably.

[April 1.] 16. Roger Aston to James Hudson. On the same subjects as the preceding.

April 1. 17. King of Scots to Mr. Edward Bruce, the Scottish Ambassador in England. Instructs him to complain to her Majesty of the dishonest using of Sir Robert Carr, who had his pledges ready for delivery, but is nevertheless detained in England.

April 12. 18. Orders to be given in her Majesty's Border affairs, for the delivery of pledges, &c. to Lords Scrope and Eure and to Mr. Nicolson.

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April 15. 19. George Nicolson to Lord Burghley. Offers of service from M'Lane and expedience of her Majesty's employing him in Ireland. Offers from another person. The King's anger at Bothwell's meeting with Sir Robert Cecill at Rouen. Mar's excuses to the King for Bothwell. The King's anger at the detention of Cessford in England. Berwick and the Islands to be looked to lest the Spaniards surprise them. Money wanted by him [Nicolson], and the tokens for M'Lane and Achinros. It is regretted that the comedians of London should scorn the King and the people of this land in their play; and it is wished that the matter be speedily amended, lest the King and the country be stirred to anger. Arrival of the King and Duke of Holstein. The Queen's [Elizabeth's] letter to the King of Poland. Reported arrival of Bothwell. The King and the Kirk. *Incloses,*

19. i. *John Achinros to George Nicolson.* *M'Lane requests that the pension may be sent to him which was promised by Sir Robert Cecill.* *Truce made with Tyrone.* *A ship from Spain.* Dumbarton, March 31.

19. ii. *Letter from Donald Gorme, Lord of the Isles, offering his services to the Queen of England, to disclose the secret courses of the Earl of Tyrone, and of the lately restored Earls, Huntly, Angus, and Erroll.* March.

April 16. 20. "Questions to be answered touching the Isles of Scotland," as to the Lords or owners of the same, their power, &c.

April ? 21. An account of the Isles of Scotland and the divisions thereof, with the names of the Chieftains. [*In the handwriting of George Nicolson.*]

April 25. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Marvels at his finding fault with her. The bearer cannot deny but that aid was axed to send Embassies to some Princes, but for this purpose she conceives the season does not serve. Advises him as to accepting counsel likely to bring him mishap; to remember with whom he deals and what he would obtain. God has so well assisted her that no foes have hitherto triumphed over her; much less, therefore, shall any of her friends. [*With No. 29.*]

April 27. 22. Sir Robert Cecill to George Nicolson. Informs him of the proceedings of the Scottish Ambassador in England; his excuse for the King's speech against her Majesty, in respect to the alleged proceedings against his title; his demand of 8,000*l.* due to the King; and the Queen's answer to it.

April 27. 23. Mr. Edward Bruce, the Scottish Ambassador in England, to James Hudson. Begs him to procure his dispatch, which has been long and unusually delayed; also requests his intercession in behalf of a poor Scotchman, whose money had been taken away by one of the Queen's searchers.

April 29. 24. Edward Bruce to Lord Burghley. Has received, for subscription, the form of an acquittance for 3,000*l.*, a sum far under his Master's expectation; entreats, therefore, that some better proportion may be granted to him.

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April. 25. A note of three payments, in 1595, 1596, and 1598, to the use of the King of Scots, amounting to 9,000*l.*

April. 26. Another note of several sums of money paid to the use of the King of Scots from 1581 to 1598, amounting to 54,500*l.*

May 2. Berwick. 27. George Nicolson to Sir Wm. Bowes. The Earl of Argyll passed through there, seeking to go through England unknown. Stewart and Sempill; the report of their carrying wines to the rebels of Ireland. Quiet in Scotland. Banquets to the Duke of Holstein. The taxes will all be spent upon this Duke, whereat there is not a little grudging. Buccleuch's thanks and protestations towards her Majesty. A report of the return of Bothwell.

May 11. Edinburgh. 28. George Nicolson to Lord Burghley. The King's dissatisfaction at the usage of Sir Robert Carr [Cessford] in England. Favour shown to the Irish rebels. Arrival of Mr. Bruce, the Ambassador; discontent that he brought no more money. Feasting of the Duke of Holstein. The case of Mr. Robert Bruce; his popularity. The Tolbooth of Lauder burnt by Lord Home. Buccleuch desires to resign his office as Keeper of Liddesdale. Capture of Valentine Thomas, who alleges some design of the King's against her Majesty.

May 13. Greenwich. 29. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. In regard to an offer which some person had made of serving her Majesty by stopping the Scots from going over to Ireland, which he [Cecil] does not see how he means to perform.

May 22. Holyrood House. 30. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. No good done by Mr. Bruce's negotiation. Discontent about the money sent by him. Banqueting of the King's brother[-in-law.] Bacchus a great guider there now. The Queen of England's health not to be drunk. Suit made by Angus to the King in favour of Mr. Archibald Douglas.

May 29. 31. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King satisfied with his communication about Bothwell. Begs his help, being arrested, and being bound for divers monies for David Foulis and others.

[June.] 32. Advertisements from Scotland:—The King's anger about the slander and dishonour laid on him by Valentine Thomas; banquets given to the Duke of Holstein; the King's anger at her Majesty's receiving Mr. John Colville; Lord Home in displeasure. The unnamed gentleman who offered his services wants money.

June. 33. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks for her liberal and ready granting of the last gratuity. Is glad of the safe return of her ships from Spain, and of her preparation by sea.

June 9. Edinburgh. 34. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King much troubled about Thomas' confession. Edward Bruce pacifies the King. The King's suspicion of Bruce's being feed by her Majesty. Money. Lord Home excommunicated. Ill effect of the Duke of Holstein's visit on the King. Two books, written by Quin and Mr. Dixon, to be printed. Border causes.

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June 12.
Berwick.

35. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. Departure of the Duke of Holstein; ill effects of his visit. Money. Arrival of a Scotchman from Ireland. Informers against him [Aston]. Danger of his communications with England. The King's opinion of Archibald Douglas and John Colville. Bishop of St. Andrews' recantation.

June 17.
Dumbarton.

36. John Achinros to George Nicolson. His master [M'Lane] wishes to know whether her Majesty will accept his services, and desires the fulfilment of Sir Robert Cecill's promise to him. Proceedings of Tyrone and O'Donnell.

June 28.
Dumbarton.

37. John Achinros to George Nicolson. Loss sustained by M'Lane through awaiting on her Majesty's service; his discontent at being thus treated.

June ?

38. James Hudson to Queen Elizabeth. The King's sorrow and indignation at the reports made of him by Valentine Thomas; necessity of her Majesty's writing to him.

June ?

39. Secret advices from George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill:—The King suspects the keeping back of his letters from her Majesty; suspicious arrival of Englishmen; Crawfurd going to France; assertions of Valentine Thomas against the King.

June ?

40. Account of losses sustained by William Hunter in Spain, when employed in her Majesty's service in 1588 and 1597, and for which he claims recompence of her Majesty. Recommended by the King of Scotland to the Queen of England.

June ?

41. The discourse and humble petition of William Hunter, gent., in reference to the above losses, as recommended by the King of Scotland to her Majesty.

[June.]

42. "Filius" [Mr. John Archebald] to George Nicolson. The Laird [Glenorquhay] has made proclamation throughout the Highlands, forbidding the people to pass to Ireland on pain of death; none will be suffered to go till his [the writer's] brother George returns from London.

July 1.
Edinburgh.

43. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's discontent at Valentine Thomas' slanderous reports against him. Great attendance at the Convention. Articles passed at it. M'Lane's offers of service to her Majesty. The books he [Nicolson] wrote of are sent to be printed at Middleborough. *In this were inclosed,*

43. i. *A note of the names of the noblemen who were present at this Convention.*

43. ii. *John Achinros to George Nicolson. M'Lane's usage to some Englishmen. Incursion made by McSorley into Knockfergus.* Dumbarton, June 30.

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July 1. 44. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Had not written because she did not wish to mention the villainous act imputed to him. Sends Bowes now to inform him of it; but charges him, in God's name, not to believe that she is of so viperous a nature as to have a thought thereof against him.

July 1. 45. Copy of the same.

July 1. Another copy. [*Vol. lii., p. 217*]

July 1. 46. Copy of Instructions from Queen Elizabeth, for one [Sir William Bowes] to be sent into Scotland to inform the King of the confession made by one Valentine Thomas, of having been dealt with by him [the King of Scots] to take away the life of her Majesty.

July 1. 47. Copy of the same.

July 1. 48. Another copy.

July 1. Another copy of the same. [*Vol. lii., p. 215.*]

July 1. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Authorizes him to deal in the instructions sent from her Majesty to Sir William Bowes, in case Sir William should be absent when they arrive. [*Vol. lii., p. 218.*]

The Court. July 1. Sir Robert Cecil to Sir William Bowes. He is to repair to Scotland according to the instructions sent from her Majesty, and then immediately to return to his charge at Berwick. Nicolson is directed to perform the service if he [Sir William] should be absent. [*Vol. lii., p. 218.*]

July 8. Edinburgh. 49. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Conference with the King concerning Valentine Thomas' accusations against him. The King's promise that the trafficking with Irish rebels shall be punished with death.

July 8. Edinburgh. 50. George Nicolson to Sir William Bowes. Since his [Nicolson's] last "for life" he has only written three times. Her Majesty acquits the King of Valentine Thomas' accusations. Angus is made Warden of the West. He [Sir William] suffers much wrong by being away now.

July 15. Edinburgh. 51. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's wish that Valentine Thomas should not be executed till he has been able to write to her Majesty. Allusion in a sermon to the restoration of the Bishop of Glasgow; the King's anger and reply to it; his intention to establish the Bishops.

July 22. Greenwich. 52. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. The Queen's surprise that the King has not answered her letters. Her moderation towards the King in respect to the devilish accusations made against him by Valentine Thomas. Her anger that he [Nicolson] did not get an answer from the King.

July 22. Another copy of the same. [*Vol. lii., p. 220.*]

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July 25. 53. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Offers of service made by Glenorquhay to her Majesty. The King's anger with him [Nicolson] for not delivering to the Secretary a copy of his instructions. The King's attempt to reconcile Mar and his adversaries; his purpose to agree Buccleuch and Cessford. Mr. Robert Bruce's sermon about the Bishop of Glasgow.

July 31. 54. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Conference with the King; his regret that he had not written before to her Majesty about Valentine Thomas; his professions of friendship towards her Majesty. M'Lane's offers of service to her Majesty. The matter of Bishops, and Mr. Bruce's sermon. *Incloses*,

54. i. *John Achinros to George Nicolson. M'Lane's service to her Majesty in restraining the Scots from going to the aid of Tyrone. Unless he receive more recompense than mere words he will not be subject any longer to her.*

Dumbarton, July 26.

July. 55. Part of a letter from George Nicolson [to Sir Robert Cecill]. Expediency of M'Lane's having been "entertained" by her Majesty. The King suspected of some "mystery" in the establishing of Bishops.

August 1. 56. Laird of Glenorquhay to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen's acceptance of his service. His faith and good meaning towards her.

August 2. 57. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Resolution anent Edinburgh. M'Lane's matter deferred; he will run other courses if he be not pensioned. Achinros also deserves reward. Church matters.

August 7. 58. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. A letter from Glenorquhay; his honesty and sound dealing; his secretary [John Archebald] meet to be rewarded.

August 7. 59. "Pater" [the Laird of Glenorquhay] to Mr. George Nicolson. Reporting the death of M'Lane at a tryst appointed in Islay between him and Angus MacOnell.

August 7. 60. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Desires that she will cause Falkland. one William Fenwick and Harry Witherington to be delivered up to him, for satisfaction for some disorder committed by them on the Borders.

August 8. 61. Ane proclamatioun dischargeing the support of the Rebellis of Edinburgh. *Prented be Robert Waldegrave.*

[August 9.] 62. [George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill]. Forwards a letter from Glenorquhay [advertising him of M'Lane's death]. His doubts about it. Border causes. A ship of Fife sunk by English pirates. *[Not signed.]*

August 10. 63. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The late deed committed by Fenwick and Witherington. Cessford promises to keep the peace. The King's letter to her Majesty. Reported slaughter of M'Lane. Bothwell reported to be in London.

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August 10. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Nicolson. The Scottish Islanders are evidently greedy, and the time of the year is too late for their project. M'Lane's plan is a strange one, being under obedience to the King. He [Nicolson] is not to go with the King, but to stop at Edinburgh with the Council. [Vol. lii., p. 221.]

August 14. 64. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of Captain Seaton for his passage to France.

August 15. 65. Mr. John Archebald to Sir Robert Cecill. Wishes to know London. when he may attend upon him to discharge his commission from his master the Laird of Glenorquahay.

August 15. 66. Advices from Nicolson [to Sir Robert Cecill]. His regret at Lord Burghley's death. Confirmation of the report of M'Lane's death; his sons crave justice of the King. The King's dislike of M'Lane. Pater [Glenorquahay] is the only person to serve the Queen now. Report of Bothwell's being in London.

August 16. 67. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Death of Lord Burghley. Edinburgh. Certainty of M'Lane's death; the manner of it. M'Lane's son claims justice of the King.

August 19. Sir Robert Cecill to the Laird of Glenorquahay. Greenwich. Accepts his offers of service for her Majesty; if he performs his promise, in relation to Maconochie's service in Ireland, there shall be a thousand pounds placed at his disposal. [Vol. lii., p. 222.]

August 19. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Nicolson. Greenwich. Sends a copy of his letter to Glenorquahay. His offers were too general, but his Secretary has explained concerning Maconochie, and according to that explanation he [Sir Robert] has bound himself. [Vol. lii., p. 223.]

August 19. 68. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Greenwich. Has received his letter complaining of a disorder committed by some of her subjects; can answer nothing till she is more particularly informed of it; and trusts that he will not suddenly condemn her before the examination of the matter on both sides.

August 19. 69. Copy of the same.

August 26. 70. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Edinburgh. Publication of the proclamation for restraining the giving aid to the rebels. The King thinks her Majesty suspicious of him; his protestations. The rebels. Powder at Ayr. The King's endeavours to reduce the Islanders to obedience.

[August.] 71. Memoranda, by Nicolson, about the proclamation for discharging of aid or provisions to be given to the rebels in Ireland.

August 28. 72. Memoranda, by Sir Robert Cecill, of Scottish matters:—The King gone to Contise, a house kept against him; two thousand going against the rebels under Lennox; names of Scottish nobles, &c.

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August 30. 73. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Delivery of her Edinburgh. Majesty's letters to the King. Arrangements to be made between Sir Robert Cary and Cessford. The rebels. Johnston's submission to the King. A cannon presented by MacSorley to the King.

August ? 74. Intelligence from Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill:—Arrangements between Sir Robert Cary and Cessford about the pledges; told the King what he willed him about Bothwell; The King's suspicions of Colville, M'Lane, &c. [Not signed.]

August ? 75. Other intelligence from Nicolson:—A question asked by the King about the Grays on the West Borders; advice given to him by one of them to raise an army, and demand assurance of his title to the Crown of England. [Not signed.]

August ? 76. Other intelligence from Nicolson:—Border causes; his need of money, having disbursed much for the service against Tyrone. [Not signed.]

August ? 77. Other intelligence from the same to the Queen:—Her Majesty to leave the late accident on the Borders to the examination of her Wardens, and to write to them. [Not signed.]

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Sept. 2. 1. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's journey to Edinburgh. subdue the Islanders. The Convention to hold on the 26th. The Earl of Angus returned to the King. The Duke of Lennox's marriage. Suspicious state of things there.

Sept. 3. 2. A note of George Nicolson's from November 15, 1597, to September 3, 1598, of his allowance as resident in Scotland, and his expenses for carriage of letters.

Sept. 10. 3. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's movements Edinburgh. his earnestness about the proclamation against the rebels in Ireland; his protestations towards her Majesty.

Sept. 10. 4. "A collection of the Scottish Ambassadors' propositions to the Lords of the Council [of England]; and of their Lordships' answer and replies unto them," in respect to the accusations brought by Valentine Thomas against the King of Scots.

Sept. 12. 5. Mr. Foulis' report of the conference between him and the Lords of the Council respecting the same matter.

Sept. 12. 6. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Desires to have authentic London. copies of the process against Valentine Thomas.

Sept. 12, 7. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrival of an English- Edinburgh. man calling himself More, and his family, from Elsinore; particulars of him; his appearance; his own account of himself. Letters for the King.

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Sept. 13&15. 8. Extracts, by Henry Lok, from letters of Archibald Douglas, and remarks thereupon, particularly in regard to the alleged participation of the King of Scots in charges made against his mother.

Sept. 16. 9. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Requests redress for spoils committed upon a ship of Kirkaldy, by an English man-of-war, the Green Dragon, of Bristol.

Sept. 17. 10. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Interview with the suspicious Englishman More; his account of himself. Examination of the skipper who brought him. Border matters.

Sept. 18. 11. Advertisements from George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil:—Plotting of the rebels in Ireland; the late Border accident; begs to be supplied with money.

Sept. 19. 12. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. A letter from the King to her Majesty. The King's examination of the English gentleman who had arrived there, as to his knowledge of any English fugitives.

Sept. 20. 13. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's anxiety about Valentine Thomas; charges against him. Conference between the King, and More the Englishman, arrived from Denmark. Straight keeping of the proclamation forbidding assistance to the Irish rebels.

Sept. 21. 14. George More to Sir Robert Cecil. Left England only for liberty of his conscience, and for fear he should be persecuted for having a seminary priest in his house; hopes for the Queen's favour, and that he shall not be condemned for his religion.

Sept. 23. 15. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Is told that the King has commanded Foulis to return immediately, if the Queen refuses to publish him free of Valentine Thomas' accusations. Begs to be supplied with money.

Sept. 26. 16. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks for her kind concept of his innocence in the calumnies alledged against him by Valentine Thomas; hopes she will not think him wilful in laying down one only course for his clearance therein.

Sept. 26. 17. Nicholas Master of Elphinstone to [David Foulis, the Scottish Ambassador in England]. Instructs him to accept certain conditions on behalf of the King, in reference to the accusations brought against him by Valentine Thomas, to deal respecting the Act of Association, and that it may not be held prejudicial to his title.

Sept. 26. 18. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. With the King's packet for David Foulis. The King's speech with him about the Wardens refusing to meet in Scottish ground. Desires to be supplied with some money for service.

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Sept. 26. Dalkeith. 19. King James to the Privy Council of England. Thanks for their care for the preservation of his honour in regard to the calumnies laid against him by a debauched villain; is assured that they will employ their whole credits with the Queen to give him full satisfaction in the matter.

Sept. 26. Dalkeith. 20. Copy of the same letter.

Sept. 27. Edinburgh. 21. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Incloses a note of money due to him, and requests that it may be paid to the bearer Mr. Craven, of Watling Street. *Incloses,*

21. i. *George Nicolson's reckoning of what is due to him for service of her Majesty in Scotland.* Sept. 27.

[Sept.] 22. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Has seen Mr. Foulis' instructions, so that he knows that of which he wrote to be true. Nothing will satisfy the King of Scots but her Majesty's public acquittal of him of the accusations made against him, and then he will be willing and ready to give her Majesty contentment in all that she pleases.

Oct. 3. Edinburgh. 23. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's denial of any instructions sent to the Pope and King of Spain. The Queen to have copies of his letters to Tyrone.

Oct. 6. Linlithgow. 24. Roger Aston to George Nicolson. Letters to be forwarded to Mr. Foulis. Letters delivered to the King from Tyrone.

Oct. 6. Edinburgh. 25. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Forwards letters for Mr. Foulis. Affairs of Ireland.

Oct. 7. London. 26. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Has seen the King's instructions to Mr. Foulis, and informs him of the contents of the same.

Oct. 8. Linlithgow. 27. King James to Mr. David Foulis. Instructs him to solicit for justice in a matter of depredation committed on a ship of one Mr. George Bruce's, of Kinloss.

Oct. 9. The Kirk of Arthorat. 28. Anonymous letter of intelligence from Scotland:—An agreement for the attending divine service on Sundays; names of the subscribers to it; a Convention of Nobles to be held on the 28th.

Oct. 9. London. 29. Mr. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Incloses three articles concerning the King of Scots' satisfaction in the matter of Valentine Thomas, and makes certain suggestions for the full acquittal of the King.

Oct. 9. 30. "Articles propounded by Mr. Foulis," of certain conditions required by the King of Scots in respect to the trial and punishment of Valentine Thomas.

Oct. 31. "An Act propounded by Mr. Foulis," to be agreed to by the Council of England, for the satisfaction of the King of Scots in respect to the charges made against him by Valentine Thomas.

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Oct. 10. 32. Sir Robert Melville to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of one Burnt Island. James Birrell, of Kirkaldy, spoiled at sea by the Green Dragon, of Bristol.

Oct. 14. 33. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's thanks for her Majesty's care of him in the matter of Valentine Thomas. Her offer to publish the King's innocence by proclamation. Purport of Tyrone's letters to the King; the King's answer to them.

Oct. 20. 34. Contents of letters to Sir Robert Cecill and Henry Lok. A letter from Richard Douglas to Archibald Douglas accidentally discovered. Richard Douglas' communication with Angus. [*In the handwriting of Henry Lok.*]

Oct. 22. 35. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs the hastening of his London. dispatch.

Oct. 23. 36. James Tobin to Sir Robert Cecill. Assistance promised to Edinburgh. O'Neill from Spain. Doctor Lombard sent by him to the Pope to crave leave to make money. Munition supplied to him from Scotland.

Oct. 24. 37. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's wonder Edinburgh. that he has not heard from her Majesty; his expectation of being cleared of the matter alleged against him by Valentine Thomas; his good disposition to her Majesty.

Oct. 30. 38. King of Scots' licence for Sir James Johnston to go to England, and to remain there for the space of a year.

Oct. 30. 39. Act of the Convention, the Council, and Estates of Scotland, Holyrood. for regulating the price of foreign coins.

Oct. 30. 40. Act of the Convention of Scotland, for enforcing the attendance of persons, at least once a year, at the Holy Communion.

Oct. 30. 41. Act of the Convention of Scotland, forbidding the receipt or entertainment of Jesuits and trafficking papists.

Oct. 30. 42. Act of the Convention of Scotland, anent the expulsion of rebels or "horners."

Oct. 31. 43. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Reports against the Edinburgh. King as to the matter of Valentine Thomas. Meeting of the Convention; few nobles present; fresh regulations. Lennox hunting with the King. A great day of law. Mr. More prays his Honour's favour.

Oct. 31. 44. Earl of Angus to Archibald Douglas. Adverts to certain Douglas. reports made against him in his day of trouble. Denies that he ever embraced any course prejudicial to her Majesty. Begs to know what he may do for his benefit.

Oct. 45. James Hudson to Queen Elizabeth. The Laird of Spynie, returned from France, desirous of kissing her Majesty's hands; his discovery of a design by the Spaniards towards Scotland. A letter from the King of Scots to Mr. Foulis; its purport. Purport of Tyrone's letter to the King.

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Oct. 46. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. The Laird of Spynie, returned from France, desires to kiss her Majesty's hand.

[Oct.] 47. Letter of advices from Nicolson:—Redress for spoils; David Foulis promises to do all the good offices between the Princes that he can; M'Sorley's death; his [Nicolson's] debts and necessities. [Not signed.]

[Oct.] 48. Advices from Nicolson:—Will not write any more about his suit till his return; thanks for money; the King's directions to Foulis if her Majesty will not clear him of the accusations of Valentine Thomas. [Not signed.]

Oct. 49. Advices from Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil:—The party that he wrote of last, who was to be baited and hooked, is now under suspicion of too open communication with himself [Nicolson]; the King's dislike of the States' answer. Spanish letters to the rebels of Ireland. [Not signed.]

[Oct.] 50. Advices from Nicolson:—Is told that Mr. David [Foulis] is directed to deal for Valentine's life; suspicions of him [Nicolson] in Scotland; the King displeased with Sir William Bowes; the King's dream that her Majesty will outlive him; consequent apology or rule concerning the bringing up of his son. [Not signed, and partly in cipher, the latter paragraph referring to the King's work called the *ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΩΡΟΝ*.]

Nov. 1. 51. Richard Douglas to his uncle Archibald Douglas. Delivery of his [Archibald's] letters to the King and nobles. Feud between the Maxwells and Johnstons. Valentine Thomas' charges against the King.

Nov. 1. 52. Richard Douglas to Archibald Douglas. Received his letters by Robert Laing, and delivered them. Cassellis not worth the pains he takes with him. An arrangement made for the conveying him [Archibald Douglas] to Scotland. Trusts that the King's hard conceit of him is partly removed. The other letter is written for show. The King is in a miserable condition, and the nobility contemn and disdain him.

Near Dunglass. Nov. 2. 53. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. A letter from Mr Aston; his zeal. What the King said of Mr. James Gordon; Sir William Bowes should come to Scotland, for there are more Jesuits there than he.

Nov. 7. The Court. 54. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Foulis has received a final answer from the Queen. The King is not named in Valentine Thomas' indictment. The Queen's acquittal of the King of all matters imputed against him. [Vol. lii., p. 227.]

Nov. 9. Edinburgh. 54. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's desire to know how he shall be cleared in the matter of Valentine Thomas. Proclamations. The King hunted yesterday with the two French gentlemen, and sends the King of France some buck hounds.

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Nov. 55. Advices from Nicolson:—The King's wonder that he does not hear from her Majesty; Glamis coming to Court again; a horse stolen from one of the King's domestics; redress demanded. [Not signed.]

Nov. 12. 56. Mr. Andrew Hunter, Minister of the Evangel to the Scots Regiment in Holland, to Mr. Harry Lok. Has written the passing news to Mr. Lelie and the Bishop of London. Colonel Murray's efforts to remove him. John Nasmyth was intimately familiar with Colonel Paton, who betrayed Gueldres, and with John Hamilton, a Jesuit, and was at the Cardinal's Court divers times.

Nov. 22. 57. Mr. Andrew Hunter to Sir Robert Cecill. The person who conveyed the letters to Scotland is expected again this summer; his name is John Young. Expediency of looking to him in England. Alexander Dixon expected from Scotland; his covert designs. Colonel Murray and Captain Hamilton's efforts to get him [Hunter] removed.

Nov. 20. 58. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Intelligence obtained from Sir Walter Lindsay of Spanish matters. The King of Spain's vindictiveness towards England. Preparations for war. A fleet. Musters in the Low Countries.

Nov. 20. 59. Contemporary abstract of the contents of the preceding letter.

Nov. 20. 60. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's anxiety to be cleared of the charges made against him by Valentine Thomas. Border causes. Hunting. A banquet. A great fray at Aberdeen. Entertainment of some French gentlemen by the King.

Nov. 23. 61. Relation by James Read of the conversation of George More, of More Hall, during his stay at Elsinore, as to his object in going to Scotland.

Nov. 27. 62. George More to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his assistance. His power to do her Majesty service by corresponding with friends in Spain and Flanders. The intentions of Spain towards England. Expediency of the Queen's pardoning the Earl of Westmoreland lest he should be engaged by Spain.

Nov. 27. 63. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. In the matter of George Bruce, requests that Newton may be cited before the Council to give him satisfaction.

Nov. 27. 64. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends letters received from Scotland. Begs a passport for Sir Walter Lindsay, and for five Germans who had come expressly from Paris to see the town [London], her Majesty's houses, and the coronation day.

Nov. 28. 65. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Return of the Scottish Ambassadors from Denmark. Her Majesty preferred by the Princes there before the King of Scots. Advice given to the King not to deal concerning his title to England. Designs of the "seminaries." The King has not yet communicated, but will have Angus and Erroll to communicate with him.

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Nov. ? 66. "The Scottish Ambassadors' negotiation with the King of Denmark," concerning the King of Scots' title to the throne of England. Lat.

Nov. 30. 67. Roger Aston to Mr. Nicolson. Informs him of the coming of Mr. James Gordon to the King, and his submission; the King commands him to prison; his examination will take place to-day.

Nov. 68. Information of Mr. George Bruce to [the Council of England], respecting depredations committed upon him at sea by an English man-of-war.

Dec. 1. 69. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Satisfaction given to the King of Scots respecting Valentine Thomas. Mr. Foulis's hope that her Majesty will deal very bountifully with the King. A papist there. Spynie's power to serve the Queen.

Dec. 4. 70. W. Hunter to John Wilson, a Scottish merchant at Milford or Pembroke. Price of salt. Money matters. If he gets certain money, he is to lay it out in pepper and cloves. Price of wheat, beans, barley, and rye. If he goes to London he must direct himself to John Williams, goldsmith, at the Cross Keys, in Cheapside. The person who dwells in England has written to him of the making ready of the fleet. He [the writer] has the King's Majesty's patent to trade to Lisbon and Cackets of Edinburgh; likewise a close mission from the King to the Governor of Lisbon.

Dec. 5. 71. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Examination of Mr. James Gordon. The Queen to be informed of the whole matter. Great matters brewing. Death of the Earl of Menteith.

[Dec. 5.] 72. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Great suspicion of Mr. James Gordon's bold access to the King. Ill feeling against the writer. Particulars of the landing of Mr. James Gordon. Erroll quiet. Men with masks. Examination of James Gordon by the ministers. [Not signed, and the names in cipher.]

Dec. 6. 73. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs the hastening of his dispatch.

Dec. 9. 74. Proclamation by the King of Scotland, denying any purpose or intention to discharge the lawful Assemblies of the Kirk.

Dec. 14. 75. Act appointing a certain limited number of persons to be of his Majesty's Secret Council.

Dec. 14. 76. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Receipt of letters and instructions about the matter of Valentine Thomas. Sorry so great a matter has been entrusted to him. Dealing aenent the place of the Chancellorship. Contention between Montrose and Mar. The matter between the King and the ministers; his angry harangue to his Council. Rumours about the landing of the Spanish army in Ireland.

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Dec. 16. 77. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King and his Household receive the Communion; Angus and Erroll do not; doubts about them. Meeting of the Council. The King's intercession with the Presbytery for the release of Lord Home from excommunication. An Embassy to go to France. Mr. Dixon to go to the Low Countries. A foray by the Grahams.

Dec. 16. 78. [George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill]. Angus requests liberty of conscience. Suspicions of the Kirk. James Gordon. The King's reconciliation of Buccleuch and Cessford. Suspicions against himself, &c. Disagreement between the King and the Kirk. [Not signed.]

Dec. 18. 79. Ane Acte of Counsell anent the Cunzie. [*Single sheet.*] *Prented be Robert Waldegraue, 1598.*

Dec. ? 80. Proclamation by the King of Scotland, for regulating the price of coin.

Dec. 20. 81. Collection of the principal points in Valentine Thomas [otherwise Thomas Alderson or Anderson] his confessions concerning the practice against her Ma^{ties} person. Subscribed by himself, and attested by Edward Coke, Attorney General, Thomas Flemyn, Solicitor General, Francis Bacon, and others.

Dec. 20. Copy of the same. [*Vol. lii. p. 229.*]

Dec. 20. Westminster. 82. Declaration, signed by Queen Elizabeth, in reference to the allegations made against the King of Scotland by Valentine Thomas, signifying that she places no credit in them, and is ready to continue all kind offices to the King as heretofore.

Dec. 20. Copy of the same. [*Vol. lii. p. 230.*]

Dec. 20. Another copy, made in Scotland.

Dec. 23. 84. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests that her Majesty may be reminded to specify in her letter to the King of Scots, that Valentine Thomas should in no case be arraigned without his Majesty's privy and consent. That Cecill will not forget the offer of the Irish rebels to his Majesty, and his generous disposition towards her, which are good reasons why the sum of 1,000*l.* should not be refused him.

Dec. 25. Edinburgh. 85. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen of Scots delivered of a daughter. Feasting and merriment of the King. Observance of Christmas day. The King's anxiety about Valentine Thomas. Intelligence between the King and the Bishops of England. Gowry turned papist. Names of Scottish nobles to leave the kingdom.

Dec. 26. The Hague. 86. Mr. Andrew Hunter to Mr. Henry Lok. Desires to be held in the Bishop of London's memory as he retreats thence instantly. Understands that there was frequent conference between Bothwell and Mr. John Hamilton, Jesuit. Desires to be commended to Mr. Lely and his wife.

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Dec. 27. Queen Elizabeth to King James. If the theme of her letter were the same as that of his late Embassy, it would yield such a terror to her hand that her pen would scarce afford a right orthography, un-naming it therefore, she has put her signature to such a grant as he would have asked of many Kings in vain. Advises him as to the counsel he receives, and as to making alterations in his Government. [Vol. lii., p. 231.]

Dec. 30. 87. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecil. Forwards papers which he received yesterday with a letter from Sir Francis Vere. Proffers service.

Dec. 88. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecil. Conference with Mr. John Colville. Colville's offers of service to England.

Dec. 31. Queen Elizabeth to George Nicolson. Instructs him to inform the King of Scots of the grounds upon which she has spared the life of the caitiff Valentine Thomas, and to remonstrate with his Majesty on the indelicacy of his sending a public Embassy to a foreign Prince, to ask his assistance for the recovering of that estate and fortune of which she is the absolute and free monarch. [Vol. lii., p. 232.]

Dec. 31. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Foulis despatched with 3,000*l.* Valentine Thomas' confession. The Queen's declaration concerning it. Discreet behaviour of Mr. Foulis. Scarcity of money. The Queen's displeasure at the representation of her age and sickness made by the Scottish Ambassador in Denmark. Essex to go to Ireland. [Vol. lii., p. 236.]

1598. 89. "Matters to be entreated at this present Convention."

1598? 90. Queen Elizabeth to King James. In reply to his promises of friendship and good will, assents that there shall be nothing done by her that may tend to prejudge, hinder, or impeach any title that he may, after her time, pretend to the Crown of England.

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1599? 1. Memoranda by Sir Robert Cecil of the Scottish Nobles, their families, connections, power, &c.

1599. 2. Articles reproving John, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Thomas, Bishop of Winchester, for errors against the hope and ground of salvation. Presented to James the Sixt, King of Scotland, next Defendour of the Faith by the title and right of Englande, yf so it please God and Queen Elizabeth. By Hugh Broughton.

Jan. 1. 3. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The matter between Mar and his competitors. Montrose seeking to be Chancellor. The King of Spain's vow to be in England before May-day. His huge army. Mr. Robert Bruce forbidden to preach.

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Jan. ? 4. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The hunting accident ; the matters on the Borders need to be well looked to ; the King to have satisfaction anent Mr. John Colvill's errand. The King's complaints about the matter of Valentine Thomas. [Not signed.]

Jan. ? 5. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's double dealing about Sir Walter Lindsay. Suspicions about the arrival of Mr. James Gordon. No appearance of good between the King and the Kirk. A cross worn by Angus. The King spaired what the ministers meant by saying that the beast was now at the top. [Not signed.]

Jan. 3. Edinburgh. 6. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Return of Sir Walter Lindsay ; general suspicion of him. The Kirk's cry against him and others. The hunting accident. Mr. John Colville's stay in England. The King's dissatisfaction that he and others should be so well entertained there. A great storm breaking. Montrose appointed Chancellor. A quarrel about places at church. [Not signed.]

Jan. 8. Edinburgh. 7. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. A letter for the Queen anent the Border hunting accident. The King desirous to know her pleasure about Mr. James Gordon. Proclamation against him and his sect. Mar and his competitors ; the Chancellorship ; Montrose. Matters between the King and the four old ministers of Edinburgh ; his fair harangue to them. News of Spanish intentions towards England, Bothwell being one of the chief leaders of the Spanish army.

Jan. 8. Holyrood House. 8. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Remonstrates that satisfaction has not been given for some injury committed on the Borders by the English.

Jan. 12. 9. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Nicolson. The "accident of hunting." Mislike of Sir Walter Lindsay's coming through England. Particulars of him, and excuses for receiving him in England. The other [John Colville] has come no nearer to England than France. [Vol. lii., p. 239.]

Jan. 14. Leith. 10. George More to Sir Robert Cecill. Entreats his favour. Communicates particulars of the intentions of the Spaniards against Ireland or England.

Jan. 14. Leith. 11. George More to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Reasons for his leaving England ; his persecution ; his suit to the Lord Treasurer to return home. Begs his intercession with the Queen in his behalf.

Jan. 20. Edinburgh. 12. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King complains of her Majesty's letter as being too dark. His denial of the charges made against him by Valentine Thomas. Trafficking with the rebels in Ireland, with powder, bullet, and aqua vitae. Montrose appointed Chancellor. Arrival of Mr. Foulis ; fault found with him.

Jan. 20. Edinburgh. 13. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Acknowledges the receipt of letters anent the Border accident.

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Jan. 20.
Edinburgh.

13. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Mr. Foulis' delivery of his letters; their good acceptance by the King; his accounts to be controlled severely. The new Chancellor much repined at; his promises. James Gordon to be permitted to leave the country.

Jan. 21.
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14. "Extract of a letter from Flanders:"—Bothwell to have entertainment of 1,000 men; how they are to be used; his intended movements against Scotland.

Jan. 25.

*Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. The delay in the matter of the Border accident; the Queen's orders on the subject. Intelligence to be communicated to the King of information she has received from Flanders. Bothwell. James Gordon. [Vol. lii, p. 235.]

Jan. 26.

15. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs a passport and commission for post horses for two Scottish merchants.

Feb. 1.

16. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's discontent that he is no better acquitted in the matter of Valentine Thomas. Appointment of Montrose as Chancellor. The King and the ministers in way of agreement. Offers by two Englishmen to the King for the making of base coin.

Feb. 3.

17. The double of the note I [George Nicolson] gave the Secretary respecting a trial to be appointed for Border offences, and a note of that I gathered of the King what he had resolved anent the hunting accident.

Feb. 6.
Edinburgh.

18. Mr. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. The Secretary's endeavours to disgrace Mr. Foulis. Border matters. Some person of rank to be sent there. Mr. Nicolson overmatched.

Feb. 9.

19. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of two merchants of Edinburgh, Patrick Edgar and Thomas Miller, who are desirous to travel by post to Scotland.

[Feb.]

20. Intelligence from Nicolson—Buccleuch's opinion of the best way to try the matter, [the hunting accident]; the King's discontent at her Majesty's treatment; his own [Nicolson's] insufficiency there. [Not signed, and partly in cipher.]

[Feb.]

21. Other intelligence from Nicolson:—Trial of the hunting accident; opposition to it; Sir Robert Carr's opinion that it is derogatory to the King's honour. [Not signed, and partly in cipher.]

Feb. 9.

22. Paper signed by Sir James Elphinstone, the Scottish Secretary of State, signifying the King's dissatisfaction at her Majesty's reply to his letters, and the redress demanded for the "fact" complained of, and the conditions on which the King will agree to its being settled by trial.

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23. Copy of the same.

Feb. 9.

24. Another copy.

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Feb ? 25. Paper called "Answeres to the King's demandes," being a reply on the part of the Queen of England to the preceding requisition of the Scottish Secretary.

Feb ? 26. Another copy of the same paper.

Feb. 10. 27. George Nicolson to [Lord Scrope]. The approaching trial for Edinburgh. the hunting accident. The mode set down by the King of Scots is unequal. Urges that Sir William Bowes be employed in it.

Feb. 10. 28. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen's consent Edinburgh. to the trial of the matter of the hunting accident. The King of Scots' complaints. Order taken by the Council in the matter. Pledges. The Lord Chancellor.

Feb. 17. 29. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's indisposition; Edinburgh. his letter to her Majesty about Valentine Thomas. The two gentlemen in durance. Great fall of snow.

Feb. 17. 30. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Delay in sending Edinburgh. the King's letter about Valentine Thomas. The King's illness. The custody of his young daughter. The King's testament [The ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΩΡΟΝ] is in his [Nicolson's] hands.

Feb. 18. 31. Mr. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecill. His measures to stay John Young and his company. Suggests the searching them on the road, for letters suspected to be brought by them for Spain.

Feb. 27. 32. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's letter to Edinburgh. her Majesty; his anxiety about the affair of Valentine Thomas. The hunting accident. Huntly to displace Mar. False reports. Quarrel between the King and the town of Edinburgh. Sir William Bowes' services wanted there. Dares not send the thing he wrote of.

Feb. 28. 33. Sir James Elphinstone, Scottish Secretary of State, to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's displeasure with Mr. Foulis in exceeding Edinburgh. his commission in regard to the affair of Valentine Thomas; his dissatisfaction at the manner of her Majesty's acquittal of him; what he requires.

[Feb.] 34. Letter of advices from Nicolson [to Sir Robert Cecill]:—Dishonour thought to be done the King in the manner of his purgation by her Majesty; his [Cecill's] desire to have some service done against Tyrone's person; certain men able to do it; his pleasure requested. [Not signed.]

March 3. 35. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. News of the intentions Edinburgh. of Bothwell imparted to the King. Some one of account to be sent into France. Henry Constable arrived from France. The Laird of Boniton, a great papist, is come with him. Poor Mr. More.

March 4. 36. George More to George Nicolson. Henry Constable come Leith. from France to offer his services to the King. Report of the intention of the Spaniards to land in England. Tyrone hath no succour there now.

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March 6. Holyrood. 37. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrival of Henry Constable; he requests audience of the King; it is refused. Interview with him. His reasons for coming. The King's reasons for refusing him audience.

March 9. Edinburgh. 38. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King to agree Mar and his competitors. Mar and Huntly sup together. Reported "plats" of Bothwell. Fortifications to be victualled. Aid to be requested of her Majesty.

March 12. 39. Examination and confession of Robert Levenston, set down at the Savoy, in the Strand, in the house of the Right Hon^{ble} the Chancellor of her Majesty's Duchy of Cornwall:—He is in danger of the laws of Scotland on account of the slaughter of Mr. David Foster, of Stirling; he did never know, hear, or speak any traitorous matter against Queen Elizabeth or the King of Scots.

March 13. Edinburgh. 40. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Beer required for the King's house. My Lord Treasurer committed to the castle. Jar betwixt the King and the Lords of Session.

March ? 41. Anonymous [Laird of Glenorquahay?] to [Nicolson]. Offers to effect the ruin of Tyrone, and to make a deadly discord between him and O'Donnell; and states the terms or reward which he demands for the same.

March 13. The Highlands. 42. "Filius," [John Archebald] to George Nicolson. The Islesmen preparing to go to Ireland. Offers made by a certain person to prevent it, and to oppose Tyrone.

March 16. Edinburgh. 43. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Change among the officers of state. Robert Bruce deprived of his stipend by the King. The Lords of Session oppose the King in it; his anger. Imprisonment of the Treasurer; advice of his friends. The proposed Embassy to France.

March 24. Edinburgh. 44. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. "Plat" against Mr. Francis Dacre. Proceedings of Henry Constable; his citation before the Lords of Session. Proceedings against the Treasurer. The Duke [Lennox] backs him. Indirect dealing of the King with Mr. Bruce, and intention to banish him.

March 25. Edinburgh. 45. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks him for his manifold courtesies while he was in England. The state of affairs in Scotland referred to the bearer [Mr. Hudson.]

March 26. Edinburgh. 46. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Desires the Queen's consideration of him in regard of his long and painful service.

March 27. 47. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for his patronage. Misapplication of letters which were directed for Hudson but intended for his honour [Sir Robert Cecill].

March 28. Antwerp. 48. Copy of a letter written by Father William Baldwin, an English Jesuit at Brussels, to Mr. Robert Bruce, being then at St. Omer's, informing him of various reports which had been spread against him, of his having made submission to the King of Scotland and leagued with Bothwell, Father Holt, and others.

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March 28. 49. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Cassellis and the Lord Treasurer like to agree. Kirk matters. The baptism to take place on the 15th of next month. Secret negotiations with Spain. Tyrone dealing with the King. [Partly in cipher.]

March 31. 50. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Thanks for payment of monies; incloses another bill of which he begs him to assign payment also.

50. 1. *George Nicolson's bill of money due to him from the last of September 1598, for her Majesty's service in Scotland.*
March 31.

[March.] 51. Anonymous advices from Nicolson:—Francis Dacre's anxiety to obtain her Majesty's favour. Cassellis is to be trusted, but the Secretary is best able to serve her Majesty. Lennox deserts Blantyre. Nicolson is suspected, and looked at as if he had the plague. [Partly in cipher.]

March. 52. Letters patent of Henry King of France granting divers rights and privileges to all Scotchmen residing in his kingdom. Fr.

March. 53. Memoranda, by Sir Robert Cecil, called “A memorial of y^e present state of Scotland, how it groweth every day into more affection to Popery.” Names and alliances of the nobility, and other particulars.

March. 54. Letters patent of Henry IV., King of France, confirming certain privileges to the Scots resident in France. Fr. [A certified copy made the 25th March, 1600.]

March. 55. Another copy, certified October 1st 1600. Fr. [Indorsed, “Certificate of the prerogatives of the Scottish merchants in France above the English.”]

April 3. 56. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. His opinion of the Secretary of Scotland; a dishonourable action committed by him. Another “gross fault.” Enlargement of Woodrington and Fenwick. Names of certain good men in Scotland whom it is expedient that her Majesty should encourage.

April. 57. A memorandum, by Nicolson, of letters sent by him to Sir Robert Cecil, from February to March 28th last.

April 10. 58. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Refusal of the Earl of Edinburgh. Cassellis to accept the Treasurership. Approaching baptism. The King feasting Mar and his competitors. Mr. Robert Bruce again to be put at.

April 12. Queen Elizabeth to the King of Scots. Excuses for not sending to him on certain matters respecting which he has expected to hear from her. [Vol. lii., p. 243.]

April 13. Sir Robert Cecil to Secretary Elphinstone. Little satisfaction given to the King by her Majesty's late writings. Her intention to send some one to deal freely with him. Passport required for Sir William Bowes. Impossibility of freeing Mr. Joyssye. [Vol. lii., p. 244.]

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April 14. Edinburgh. 59. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King marvels at not hearing from her Majesty respecting the Border cause. Report of a cruel and bloody battle in Ireland. Spite against him [Nicolson]. General confusion.

[April.] 60. Secret advices from Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Expediency of his [Cecill's] corresponding with the Scottish Secretary. Matthew Symple will see him on his return from Spain. Poor Mr. More. The Queen of Scotland suspected to be a papist. [*The names in cipher.*]

April 17. London. 61. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests his intercession with her Majesty for a pass for the Laird of Buccleuch.

April 17. 62. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends a letter from the King in favour of one Sivice, detained at Newcastle, for certain foolish words spoken by him. Forwards letters, and begs his pleasure concerning Buccleuch.

April 17. Holyrood. 63. King James to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his attention to the Lord Home during his visit to England.

April 20. Edinburgh. 64. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Baptism of the King's daughter Margaret. Creation of Marquesses and Knights. The office of Treasurer taken from Cassillis; his rage; his disgrace with the King.

April. 65. Advices from Nicolson, partly in cipher, giving the names and titles of the newly created Peers and Knights of Scotland.

April 23. Edinburgh. 66. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Delivery of a letter from her Majesty to the King; his questions about the Border cause. Safe conduct readily given for Sir William Bowes. Bothwell's entry into Caithness to be resisted. The Treasurer settled in his office. Mr. Dacre to be excommunicated

April 25. Berwick. 67. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. His approaching entry into Scotland. The King going to Aberdeen to be entertained by Huntly. Service to be done for her Majesty about Dumfries. Papists trafficking there. The Abbot of New Abbey privy to the Catholic practices in Ireland; Buccleuch would serve the Queen by taking him. A solemn celebration of mass.

May 5. London. 68. Alexander Lord Home to Sir Robert Cecill. Excuses himself for not waiting on the Queen, through not being furnished with apparel fit for a man of his rank and quality, but begs that his dutiful mind may be signified to her Majesty.

May 7. Berwick. 69. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Receipt of his instructions. Movements of the King. Dunkirk pirates off the coast there. Measures to take them. One Hunter, a Scot, of Bristol, sent for by the King.

May 8. Edinburgh. 70. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Letters received by the King concerning the preparations of the Spaniards. A secret design by the Scottish nobles. The King's trouble. Matters of the Kirk.

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May 10. Edinburgh. 71. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The reports received there of the preparations of the Spaniards. The King's trouble. The Pope to excommunicate him. Bothwell to be furnished with 5,000 men to land there. Tyrone still drawing aid from Scotland. The King accused of being a great dealer with Spain ; his blushes.

May 10. Holyrood. 72. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of the bearer [Mr. Bell] that he may be furthered in his reasonable suits.

[May.] 73. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests his favour towards the bearer, Mr. Bell, who has letters from the King of Scotland to her Majesty.

May 12. Edinburgh. 74. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's bitter prosecution of the ministers in his last book. The King will not endure the church discipline. None faithful but those that were faithful to his mother. Huntly's preferment. Angus will not give him place.

May 20. Edinburgh. 75. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Conference with the King about the putting an end to the jealousies between him and her Majesty. Quarrelling about the Treasurership. Bothwell levying men in Flanders. Dunkirk pirates. Slaughter committed by the men of Liddesdale.

May. 76. "The King's answers to the severall propositions conteyned in the extract," i.e., An extract of the various articles of Sir William Bowes' instructions submitted to the King of Scots, with the King's answers, and marginal annotations in the King's autograph thereupon ; respecting the matter of Valentine Thomas, the advancement of Huntly, Logye's confession, the King's persecution of the ministers, the last return of James Gordon to Scotland, and other matters.

June 5. 77. Queen Elizabeth to Sir William Bowes. Instructs him to complain to the King of Scots of an outrage committed upon the English, and to demand justice for the same.

June 6. Newcastle. 78. Mr. Andrew Hunter to Sir Robert Cecill. Hostilities between the King and the ministry. The faction among the Stewarts ; their designs. The late slaughter on the Borders.

June 8. Edinburgh. 79. Sir James Elphinstone, Secretary of State for Scotland, to Sir Robert Cecill. Is commanded by the King, in consequence of the many advertisements they have received of the preparations of the Spaniards, to beg the assistance of a few of her Majesty's ships, to impeach their coming to Scotland.

June 8. Edinburgh. 80. Anonymous letter of advices of Scottish matters :—The books of the King's latter will to his son [the ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΩΡΟΝ] ; how they are distributed ; Lennox retired from Court ; Blantyre in disgrace ; Athol in ward ; all the Stewarts under suspicion ; their meetings ; Spanish proceedings ; letter from the King of Spain to the King of Scots.

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June 9. Edinburgh. 81. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Lord Secretary willing to do all good offices. The Treasurer, his brother. Threats of the Stewarts. Cessford like to be made a Lord. Glamis in ward. An Ambassador expected from France.

June 15. 82. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of John Wilson a Scottish merchant, who had been arrested at Louth "by them that took his ship on the coast of Spain."

June 16. Edinburgh. 83. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Redress demanded for the murders in the Middle March. The King's complaint of the taking away of Ashfield. He [Sir William Bowes] suspected of taking him away in his coach; his answer, and explanation how Ashfield got into the coach. Warning given to him [Bowes]. His lodging beset in the night. Necessity of his removal. Spaniards landed in Ireland. *Incloses,*

83. i. *An anonymous letter delivered in at the window of Sir William Bowes' house in Edinburgh, warning him of certain designs on his life, and desiring him not to quit his house to-night, nor let it be opened in the morning, till the Council has appointed a guard to attend upon him.* January 14.

June 18. Edinburgh. 84. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Suspicions against him; he demands open acquittal; the King refuses it. Four Englishmen apprehended; his intercession for them. Border causes. An assertion that some person had been "bedulled" with opium. Ashfield's papers; his dealings with Catholics. *Incloses,*

84. i. *Sir William Bowes to the Lord Chancellor of Scotland. Begs that certain Englishmen, who had been unjustly apprehended, may have speedy trial and dispatch.* Edinburgh, June 16.

June 22. Edinburgh. 85. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Liberation of the Berwick men at the intercession of Sir Robert Carr. He [Bowes] rides out to take the air, and is followed by forty horsemen. Rumours of his probable detention there. Begs instruction.

June 24. London. 86. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. In reference to the late matter of Sir William Bowes. Informs him that it can be shown by an Englishman that Scotchmen have done the like within England, and it is still unredressed.

June 25. Edinburgh. 87. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Intends taking leave of the King to-morrow. The King's perplexity. A matter revealed to him [Bowes] by one Waineman. Ashfield. A fast appointed by the Kirk. The preachers' reproofs. A late celebration of the mass. The King's fear of Ashfield's matter.

June 26. Edinburgh. 88. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. His purpose of taking leave of the King has been prevented. Requests advice.

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June 26. 89. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. The offer about Graveling has now been made to Count Maurice by a merchant. He [Colville] much feared being taken by the Dunkirkers, and so he procured two lines from the French Ambassador for his protection. The Ambassador's conversation respecting the state of matters in Scotland, and about the King's mother.

June 26: 90. — to Sir William Bowes. The King's surprise at his [Falkland.] sudden intention to depart, and his reference of the matter to the Lord-Chancellor.

June 29. 91. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Time appointed Edinburgh. for his taking leave of the King. Arrival of an Ambassador from France. Heartburnings among the courtiers. Solemn entertainment of the French Ambassador.

June. 92. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his intercession with the Queen for recompence to Mr. Aston and Mr. Nicolson for their faithful endeavours to serve her.

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July 3. 1. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. Leave taking of the Edinburgh. King delayed. English ships taken by a Dunkirker. Threats against him. A pirate. Entertainment of the French Ambassador. Displeasures between the Stewarts and Elphinstones. *Incloses,*

1. 1. *Sir William Bowes to the Chancellor and Council of Scotland. Requests that order may be taken for the apprehension of a Dunkirk pirate, who has captured three English vessels.* June 29.

July 4. 2. John Semple to Sir Robert Cecill. For a licence for transportation of corn. Bristol.

July 9. 3. Sir William Bowes to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen's Edinburgh. gracious acceptance of his service. His delayed leave-taking of the King of Scotland. Attention shown to the French Ambassador. Piracy. The Stewarts. Cessford. Ashfield. The pledges.

July. 4. George Marshall's information as to the movements of one Doctor Harris, who had come from France, and respecting a young man named Hudson, an Englishman, one of the King of Scots' musicians.

July 10. 5. Advertisements from John Colville to [Sir Robert Cecill] of foreign news, Spanish affairs, Prince Doria, invasion of England, Bothwell, &c.

July 17. 6. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Edinburgh. Recommends the Laird of Bavery, who has a suit for a ship and goods taken at sea by Englishmen.

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July 17. 7. Helene Hue to her husband Monsieur Herman, Master of the Horse to Mons. De Bethune, French Ambassador in Scotland. On family matters ; his ill voyage, &c. Fr.

July 27. Mantes.

July 28. Edinburgh. 8. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs consideration of his poor estate. Presents from Tyrone to the Scottish Court. Request made to the King that the Islanders might be permitted to aid the rebels. Armed men apprehended at Ayr and liberated. Entertainment of the French Ambassador. Irish matters.

August 1. Falkland. 9. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen's resolution concerning him is not so comfortable as he expected : he shall be forced to withdraw himself to some quiet life unless better consideration is had of him.

August 2. Edinburgh. 10. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The horses and hawks sent to the King from Ireland. Illness of the French Ambassador. Border matters. Ashfield. The Convention. Raising of money. The Chancellor's offer to resign his office to Lennox.

August 12. Edinburgh. 11. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Mr. Sympill to take letters to her Majesty about the gratuity and Mr. Ashfield. Treatment of the French Ambassador. Reported peace between her Majesty and Spain. Church matters. Affairs of Ireland.

August 14. Falkland. 12. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Mr. James Sympill is directed to her instructed with the true estate of the late accident ; expects, according to her letter, that such a course will be taken therein as belongs to honour and justice.

August 16. Preston Pans. 13. Jeremic Lindsay to John Colville. His wife has taken the sea as soon as she understood that he desired her to come. James Sympill is directed to London in place of Mr. Foulis.

August 17. Edinburgh. 14. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Setting off of the Scottish Ambassador for London ; his errands, the gratuity and Ashfield. Landing of the Spaniards in Ireland. The King and the French Ambassador.

August 17. 15. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Letter from Mr. Lok. The French Ambassador sending to Scotland. Count Maurice. The matter of Graveling. A fray reported between Crawford and Glamis. *Incloses*,

15. i. *Henry Lok to John Colville.* Begs to be informed of his success "with the Earl or merchant." Never heard word of the acceptance of the offers he carried from Paris.

Bayonne, June 22.

August 21. 16. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Incloses such matters as he could collect from his nephew. They attended all yesterday about his [Cecill's] lodgings, but were afraid to importune him.

16. i. *Advertisement by Mr. John Colville's nephew, of the negotiations of Mr. Constable and the Laird of Bonitan with the Scottish King on behalf of the Pope.* August 18.

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August 22. 17. King James' letters for arresting the vessels of Hull who
Stirling. had "intromitted" with certain ships laden with muskets, &c.,
which Mr. Brown was bringing from Flanders to Scotland.

August 23. 18. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends letters from his
London. son in law and Mr. James Murray; the latter he had been afraid
to send, on account of the malicious and passionate words of the
King reported in it. Defers sending the King's pedigree.

August 25. 19. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrival of James Sympill and James Stewart, the latter with one Manners, a very evil
affected person.

August 26. 20. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Purport of his conver-
sation with the French Ambassador. He [Colville] incurred the
King's displeasure solely through his affection to England. Is
willing to seek his fortune in some other place, rather than be
obnoxious to her Majesty.

August 26. 21. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Ambassador's
[Sympill's] chief objects; his ability and disposition; his hopes.
Ashfield. The chief point now shot at in Scotland is to disgrace all
those who are well affected to England.

August 26. 22. Mr. James Sympill of Beltreis to Sir Robert Cecill. Desires
London. to know when he may deliver to her Majesty such credit as he has
in charge from the King of Scots.

August 26. 23. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrival of Mr. Sympill
his desire to have audience of her Majesty.

August 26. 24. Reasons proving that the Scottish Ambassador cannot justly
Nonsuch. complain of indignity done to the King his master, in the late with-
drawing of Ashfield out of Scotland to Berwick.

August 28. 25. "A breif view of her Ma^ts affayres with the King of Scotts,"
Nonsuch. in regard to the matter of Valentine Thomas, Ashfield, the hunting
accident, Lady Lennox's lands, the gratuity, hard treatment of the
Ambassador [Sir William Bowes]. English prizes taken by Dun-
kirkers. Sir Robert Carr. Border justice. The support given to
the Irish rebels.

August 29. 26. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's letters
Edinburgh. against the ships of Hull. Ships arrested and goods seized. Feasting
of the French Ambassador. *Incloses*,

26. i. *King James' letters, discharging his former order of the
22nd for arresting the ships of Hull.* August 26.

26. ii. *King James' letter to the Provost and Bailies of Edin-
burgh, commanding them to see his order executed to stay
the arresting of the ships of Hull.* Glasgow, August 27.

August 29.* 27. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of John
Edinburgh. Cunningham, a friend of good M'Lane's, who is going to London
about his trade of merchandise.

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August 29. 28. Anonymous advices from Nicolson, partly in cipher:—The King's letter for staying the ships of Hull, and its revocation. Sir Thomas Erskin's heat against England; the Secretary still honest; Scottish tricks. John Conningham. M'Sorle.

August 31. 29. Henry Saunders to Sir Robert Cecil. Assures him of his good intent and meaning towards his own country, notwithstanding his departure to Scotland.

August 31. 30. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Hearing of his arrival, begs to know his pleasure, both regarding his nephew and himself.

August. 31. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Arrival of his nephew with some letters from Scotland. Attends his pleasure, as his nephew is urged to haste.

August. 32. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecil. As he cannot confer with him personally, sends him notes of certain matters wherein he begs his mediation with her Majesty anent the pledges at York. Mr. Colville's residence in England, and other matters.

Sept. 1. Savoy. 33. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Colville. When he was more secret he was better able to do service. His good will is better than his means, therefore he must bear with it that he is not at this time entertained.

Sept. 1. 34. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The matter of Saunders, and the muskets taken from him. The King of Denmark in exceeding great rage with the Londoners. The King of Scots will shortly offer his concurrence to her Majesty against Spain.

Sept. 1. 35. An anonymous letter to [Sir Robert Cecil ?]. Sends him some examples "like this that is done to Ashfield." Master Sympill will be no friend. Warns him with whom he deals, as there is foul play meant.

Sept. 2. 36. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Beseeches him to move his pitiful case to her Majesty; for without her grace he is shamed for ever, and will be forced to starve.

Sept. 6. Edinburgh. 37. Henry Saunders to Sir Robert Cecil. Excuses himself for not returning to England according to his order, and explains the necessities which have driven him to seek service in a foreign country.

Sept. 9. 38. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecil. Incloses advices from Scotland whereby he may perceive how he is handled both within and without; wherever he goes he must still advertise; beat him as they will, even as a dog, yet he must still fawn.

Sept. 11. Edinburgh. 39. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Offers of secret correspondence. Englishmen there. Sir William Bowes expected to be disgraced. Escape of James M'Oneill. The French Ambassador seeks to be gone.

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Sept. 11. 40. Anonymous advices from Nicolson. The Laird of Beltreis' report of her Majesty's conference with him, and her complaints of the King's conduct towards her; her wish that the King of Scots should succeed her, as expressed by Sir Robert Cecill. The King's rage about John Colville and his entertainment in England. His distrust of Sir Robert Cecil.

Sept. 14. 41. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sympill's wish to see him [Cecill] to shew him his instructions about the matter of Ashfield. His desire to keep in friendship with her Majesty.

Sept. 17. 42. George More to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests his favour and help, and leave to return to England to live there in quiet, without which he shall be forced to depart elsewhere and seek other means.

Sept. 17. 43. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Convention of the Council. Caution to be taken of certain nobles for the quiet of the country; a day appointed for riding upon the disobedient persons. No appearance of kindness between Buccleuch and Cessford. Slaughter of some of the Campbells by Macintosh. Entertainment and feasting of the French Ambassador.

Sept. 19. 44. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King of Scots' marvel that her Majesty should take any offence in the matter of Ashfield. Reports of the entertainment of John Colville in England. The King's anger about Colvil.

Sept. 22. 45. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's resolution to prevent hostilities between Sir Robert Carr and Sir Robert Cary. The French Ambassador to be feasted to-morrow. Bitter preaching of the ministers against him. The King's rage against Sir William Bowes.

Sept. 22. 46. [George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill]. Good service of Mr. Aston. Books published there, containing anagrams and prophecies, arguing the King's good fortune. Mr. Dacre summoned before the Kirk. Mr. Constable going to France. Arrival of the Earl of Atholl's brother from Rome.

Sept. 22. 47. Mr. James Sympill, of Beltreis, to Sir Robert Cecill. Desires conference with him concerning the matter of Ashfield.

Sept. 30. 48. George Nicolson's bill of what is due to him for his service of her Ma^{ne} in Scotland, for his entertainment, and conveyance of letters.

Oct. 5. 49. Mr. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests a passport for James Wood to go to France.

Oct. 10. 50. John Colville to Sir Robert Cecill. Has been in France since the 24th of the last month, notwithstanding the contrary reports given out by his enemies. Robert Manners and another boast of having come there through England without a passport. Will send him intelligence if acceptable. Begs the Queen's consideration of his pitiable condition.

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Oct. 12. Edinburgh. 51. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Faction against the Johnstons. Trial of the matter deferred. Friendly meeting between Sir Robert Carr and Sir Robert Cary.

Oct. 14. London. 52. James Sympill, Laird of Beltreis, to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests a passport for three Scottish gentlemen going to France.

Oct. 23. London. 53. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs passports for certain Scotchmen going to France.

Oct. 25. Edinburgh. 54. George Nicolson to Lord Scrope. Commends the bearer, an honourable gentleman, to his favour and furtherance.

Oct. 26. Edinburgh. 55. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King complains of evil words spoken of him, and of the injustice committed by the English on the Borders. The matter between Angus and the Johnstons.

Oct. 27. Edinburgh. 56. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of Edward Johnston going to the Low Countries, who offers to do service there.

[Oct.] 57. A private communication from Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill:—

- Dunkirkers on the coast; horses to be sent as a present to the King of France; news from Ireland. *[Not signed.]*

Oct. 30. The Marshalsea. 58. John Campbell to James Sympill, Laird of Beltreis. Requests him to intercede with Sir Robert Cecill for his liberation.

Oct. 59. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Reminds him of a request he had made, at the Ambassador's desire, in favour of one Lindsay, a Scotchman.

Oct. London. 60. James Hudson to the Lord Treasurer. In favour of one Lindsay, for whom he intercedes at the desire of the Scottish Ambassador.

[Oct.] 61. John Colville to Mr. Bourton, at London. Thanks him for his kindness. Has failed in his duty only for lack of means. For the account for his chamber he hopes that he will be as reasonable as he can.

[Oct.] Paris. 62. John Colville to Robert Longe, at London. Has received his account, and trusts to his honesty. If he gets any money through Monsieur de Weimes' means he will send him some.

Nov. 3. London. 63. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for courtesies and for his affection to the amity. Sorry that their labours should be "impesched" by the evil disposed persons on the Borders.

Nov. 12. Edinburgh. 64. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Remonstrance to the King about a Dunkirker which had arrived at Leith; suspicions about her. The Laird of Johnston and his pledges. Performances of English players, Fletcher, Martin, and their company, by the King's permission; enactment of the Town Sessions, and preaching of the ministers against them. The bellows blowers say that they

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are sent by England to sow dissension between the King and the Kirk. The King's proclamation on the subject. *Incloses,*

64. I. *Proclamation by King James, in reply to the late contempt and indignity done to him by the Town Sessions of the Burgh of Edinburgh, in taking upon them to countermand the liberty he had granted to certain comedians to play within the said Burgh; commanding the whole persons of the said Sessions to convene in their accustomed places, and to annul their aforesaid Act, and to give a special ordinance to the ministers, that, in their sermons on Sunday next, they publickly admonish their flocks to obey his warrant, and to declare to their said flocks, that they will not restrain nor censure any of them that shall repair to the said comedies and plays. Holyrood, Nov. 8.*

Nov. 15. 65. Petition of George Smith and Richard Marshall, citizens of London, to the King of Scots, begging relief for injustice committed on them by a Dunkirker.

Nov. 16. 66. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends certain persons for passports to France. Requests the Queen's directions about his last note of complaint respecting the Borders.

Nov. 17. *67. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. The bearer to be sent to Scotland immediately. Begs a passport for him.

Nov. 20. 68. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Ambassador wishes to know the Queen's mind about the gratuity; his desire to return home. The Laird of Wemyss going to France.

Nov. 21. 69. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Reports particulars of the King's conduct in respect to the petition of two merchants of London spoiled by the Dunkirkers. The King and the ministers have had many conferences, but have resolved on nothing respecting the matter of Bishops. *Incloses,*

69. I. *Petition of George Smith and Richard Marshall to the King of Scots, praying relief for injustice committed upon them by a Dunkirker. Nov. 15.*

Nov. 21. 70. Private communication from Nicolson to Cecill. The King of Scots' care to put his kingdom in arms. More books to be printed in secret for stirring up the people's hearts to the King. The Dunkirker. Protestations of Sir Robert Carr towards her Majesty.

Nov. 21. 71. Petition of George Smyth and Richard Marshall to the King of Scots, reminding him of their losses from the Dunkirker, and praying redress.

Nov. ? 72. Ane generall band voluntarilie maid be ye guid subjectis of ye Kingis Ma^{re} for ye preservacōn of his Hienes persoun and persuit of his undouhtit richt to ye crownis of Ingland and Ireland.

Nov. ? 73. Copy of the same, in the handwriting of George Nicolson.

Nov. ? 74. Another copy of the same.

Nov. ? 75. Another copy, not contemporary.

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Nov. 27. 76. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's letters to Edinburgh. Beltrees [Sympill]. The gratuity; creditors to get none of it. Lord Sanquhar's imprisonment of a minister. A general band made in respect to the King's claim to England. A plot to shoot Sir Robert Carr and Sir George Home.

Nov. 27. 77. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Requests his favour, the Holyrood. Queen having withdrawn her bounty from him. Begs a licence to transport peas and beans. Sir Robert Carr is very anxious to win her Majesty's favour.

Nov. 29. 78. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Recommends the bearers, Edinburgh. Smith and Marshall, whose goods were sold by the Dunkirkers.

Dec. 14. 79. Act of the King and Estates of Scotland, forbidding the publication of any manner of book, libell, defamation, invective, chronicle, annual, or history, without his Majesty's licence had and obtained thereto.

Dec. 15. 80. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Sickness. Meeting Edinburgh. of the Convention. Want of money there. A proposed tax on cattle; its rejection. Another Convention to be held about February 25. An harangue by the King as to his taking up arms to assert his right. A book published in the name of Mr. Wentworth; flight of the compositor.

Dec. 16. 81. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecil. Mr. Nicolson's sickness. Holyrood. Assembly of the Estates. The King's declaration. Preparation of arms. The King's expenses. Proposed taxes; their rejection. Another Convention to be held in February. Expected alterations at Court. Reported marriage of Duke Mathias and Arbella. The Bishop of Glasgow's agents suing the Duke of Lennox for the Bishopric; the King's strong part with the Bishop.

Dec. 17. 82. Proclamation by the King of Scots, for commencing the year Holyrood. on the 1st of January.

Dec. 18. 83. James Sympill of Beltreis to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs him to London. procure the Queen's favour in respect to the money requested of her by the King of Scots.

Dec. 24. 84. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs that the bearer London. may have a passport for Scotland.

Dec. 24. 85. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's anger that Edinburgh. he is not to have the gratuity. Report of the proposed match between Duke Mathias and the Lady Arbella [Stewart]. The King's anger against Sir William Bowes. Blows between two gentlemen. Poor Mr. More. Horses to be sent to France. Irish matters.

[Dec.] 86. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Illness of Buccleuch; his joy at the honour conferred on him by her Majesty.

1599 ? 87. "Capita criminum quorum reus agitur Robertus Brusius, Scotus, in præsentiarum custodiarum mancipatus Bruxellis." The statement of Bruce himself, and the depositions of William Crichton, Archibald Paton, John Hamilton, the Earls of Erroll and Huntly, George Carr, the Earl of Westmoreland, James Crichton, and others against him. Lat.

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1599? 88. Denonciations à la charge de Robert Bruce, Escossois : - Of intelligence with English spies, betrayal of the cause of the Catholics, preventing the delivery of Dumbarton Castle to the King of Spain, corresponding with heretics, especially Sir Robert Melvill, &c. Fr.

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Jan. 1. 1. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. News from Scotland. London. The Dunkirker. Begs a favour for Roger Aston and Mr. Nicolson, that the factor may buy their corn now that the market is at the best.

Jan. 2. 2. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends Mr. Aston to him, who is now employed to take the horses which are to be presented to the King of France.

Jan. 12. 3. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's dissatisfaction that he is not acquainted with the proceedings in the proposed league with Spain. Complaint of the withholding of the King's gratuity. A great Convention appointed for March 27. More books devised to further the King's claim.

Jan. 14. 4. Robert Parsons to the Earl of Angus. In reply to two points in a letter, which were written by the Earl in November 1598, to Mr. George Elphinstone, first, charging him [Parsons] with disaffection to the King of Scotland; and, secondly, complaining of the Book of Succession, as written by him with great partiality and against verity.

Jan. 20. 5. Anonymous letter. Has written more amply by Chisholme and James Steward, brother to the Earl of Orkney. Commends the bearer, who may do good service in their affairs being in the company of the Patriarch; desires him to give him a copy of their cipher. Robert Bruce and Constable have revealed all they knew. Pride between the Earl of Angus and the Marquis of Huntly. Dr. Cecill's book offends more than he looked for, because it dishonours the King of Scots rather than discredits Crichton. The treaty of the King of Scots with the Queen of England will do him no good. Desires to know who has succeeded Cardinal Caietan. Begs him to trust no Englishman, and to keep himself quiet. [The names in cipher.]

[Jan.] 26. 6. Roger Aston to —. The King is glad of this great decrease, and has sent to her Majesty to let her know his resolution. Hopes they shall meet in London on Monday. The King grows better and better.

Jan. 26. 7. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's declaration of his poverty; probable success of his appeal to his subjects for help; his proceedings to win Mr. Robert Bruce over to him; his dislike of the Earl of Mar.

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[Feb. 3.] 8. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. Reports his arrival, and Mr. Hudson's requests leave to wait on the Queen. Forwards letters received at Berwick from Sir William Bowes.

Feb. 6. 9. George Nicholson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's pleasure at Edinburgh. her Majesty's good dealing with him. Beltreis expected with the gratuity. Sundry brabbles. The King's necessities. The Laird of Cranstoun committed to Blackness for receiving a follower of Bothwell's. The King's necessities. Inquiry about a book printed in the name of Mr. Wentworth, &c. *Incloses*,

9. 1. *An account of “the King's extraordinary charges which the Threasury, Comptrollary, and Collectory are not able to defray.”*

[Feb.] 10. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Interview with the King in his cabinet; his sighs and smiles about the Archduke's mission to her Majesty. Sir Thomas Erskine will be worth the having, and will come to his Honour. 100 marks would be well bestowed upon his [Nicolson's] friend for his service in Ireland. [Not signed.]

Feb. 16. 11. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's disbelief Edinburgh. of the projected marriage of the Lady Arbella, and his dissatisfaction at it. Feuds. Proclamation against them. Tyrone's intention to enter England. News from Ireland.

Feb. 17. 12. An account of her Majesty's gratuities to the King of Scots from July 1592 to February 18, 1600, amounting to 26,000*l.*

Feb. 23. 13. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Suspicious arrival of Edinburgh. an English gentleman who holds communication with the King. Intentions of the Irish rebels. Reported return of Bothwell. The King's anxiety to see Beltreis.

Feb. 26. 14. Licence, signed by King James, permitting Mr. Harie Lie, Edinburgh. presently employed by the Queen of England against her subjects in Ireland, to buy arms in Scotland and transport them thence.

Feb. 29. 15. James Sympill, Laird of Beltreis, to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends to his favour Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hamilton.

Feb. 29. 16. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. Has taken order anent Doctor Tennent, and requests that he may be set at liberty.

March 25. 17. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Meeting of the Assembly. Edinburgh. The King's efforts for the appointment of Bishops. Huntly's arrival, strongly guarded, at St. Johnston's. Beltreis arrived. The King's title to England.

[April.] 18. Advices from Scotland:—Overtures for Spain; a Commission addressed to Lord Sympill in Spain; another commission sent to the Master of Gray in France; advertisement given to the King by Henry Constable, from Arragon; confederation of a great number of nobles, being all papists, such as Huntly, Erroll, Angus, Montrose, and others.

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April 3. 19. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Informs him of the arrival in London of the Earl of Gowry, one of the most accomplished of his nation, who is desirous to kiss her Majesty's hands.

April 8. Edinburgh. 20. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends Thomas Cunningham for a passport to Campveire.

April 20. Edinburgh. 21. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's dissatisfaction at the projected peace between England and Spain. Efforts of Beltreis to persuade him of the Queen's good feeling towards him. Suspected designs of John Colville, Archibald Douglas, and others. Two factions at Court; the chamber side are drawing home the Earl of Gowry.

April 20. Holyrood. 22. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's satisfaction at his service in England. His remonstrance with the King on the irreverent mention of her Majesty's age, health, and death. The King's speech on the subject at the Convention.

April 29. Edinburgh. 23. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's dissatisfaction at not being informed of the progress of the projected peace with Spain; also concerning the retention of one Crawfurd in England; and the redress still unperformed for the "hunting accident."

April. 24. Act of the Convention at St. Johnston's, for raising money for the King of Scotland.

May 2. Edinburgh. 25. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Taking of the Duke of Ormond. The King's suspicions; conversation with him about the dishonesty of the Ambassadors sent from England. Irish news. The Dean of Limerick. Banquet given to the King. Lord Home kisses hands. Undutiful creeping in of Englishmen.

May 14. Edinburgh. 26. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. His commission for taking some deer to the King. Factions there. General discontent at the Government. The intention to take the Prince from the custody of the Earl of Mar.

May 15. Edinburgh. 27. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King hunting in Angus. The Prince to be taken from the custody of the Earl of Mar; conference with the Queen about it. Great confusion in the country. Border matters. Preparations against the Queen of England's death. Spanish aid to the Irish rebels. The King's discontent with himself [Nicolson].

May 27. Edinburgh. 28. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Letter from Tyrone to the King. Muskets for the King's Household detained at Hull. The King's movements. The Prince sick of the measles. The next Convention. Gowry retired home. Approaching storms. *Incloses,*

28. i. *O'Neill Earl of Tyrone to King James. Thanks for his good will. His wishes shall be inviolably fulfilled. The late Munster meeting. The Governor slain. The English forces are directed to Loughfoyle, minding their [O'Neill's party] utter extirpation, in which he trusts they will find more difficulty than in anything else they have attempted.*

From his camp, April 10.

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May 29.
Edinburgh.

29. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's dissatisfaction with her Majesty's letters; his complaints against Crawford, and his being allowed to remain in England. The hunting accident. Detention of the King's muskets.

June 4.
Stirling.

30. James Sympill to Sir Robert Cecill. Small contentment to the King in her Majesty's letters. Border matters. The hunting accident.

June 6.
Edinburgh.

31. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrival of a Dunkirker; spoils committed by her; complaints made by him about her.

June 12.

32. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. His efforts for the apprehension of the Dunkirkers. Mr. George Ker sailed for Spain. The great matter between the Lindsays and Ogilvys deferred. The Convention drawing on. The King's solicitation for money.

June.

33. "A note of th' effect of George Nicolson his travail with the King and Counsell for redress to be made her Mat^{ie} anent the Dunkirkers comed into Forth on Tuesday, 3 Junij 1600, with th' Inglyshmen's shippes and goodes;" including copies of various letters on the subject.

June 22.

34. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Vile slaughter of Sir John Carmichael, the King's Warden, by the Armstrongs. An incursion on one of the Scots. The King's anger. Lord Herries made Warden. The King's anxiety for revenge. The matter between the Lindsays and Ogilvys. The Convention deferred. The Dunkirkers. The pledges. [*The postscript dated June 25.*]

June.

35. Names of the men that were at the killing of Sir John Carmichael, their Lord Warden.

June 26.

36. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends the bearer, a kinsman of Buccleuch's, who is commissioned to return thanks for the favours shown to Buccleuch, and who is desirous to have licence to see the pledges.

June 29.
Edinburgh.

37. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Feuds. The Prince not to be removed from Mar. Mar in greatest favour. The Convention summoned by the King; his harangue for money for his honourable entering to the Crown of England after the death of the Queen. Speech of the Lord President about the wealth and power of England and poverty of Scotland; the King's exceeding anger. Mr. Edward Bruce's speech. The speech of Gowry about the money to be voted to the King; the King's rage, and dismissal of the Convention; his threats to the Barons and Boroughs; reply of the Laird of Wester Wemyss. General pleasure that the King's demand was refused. The two factions at Court. The murder of Carmichael. General disorder. Price of money.

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June 30. 38. "Ane Act made be his Hienes, with the aduise of the Estates," forbidding his subjects to traffick with strangers bringing in any ships or goods within his Highness' waters.

Edinburgh, printed be Robert Waldegrave.

June. 39. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Requests his resolution in the matter of Mr. Aston's licence.

July 6. 40. Roger Aston to Mr. Hudson. Intercepted letters. Colonel Stewart's desire to serve her Majesty in Ireland. Dean of Limerick's reasons for staying in Scotland. Kilsyth on his journey to France. Murder of her husband by Dunypace's daughter, and two other women, who are to be burnt.

July 9. 41. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's movements. Private applications to the members of the Convention for money. Johnston to be solemnly acquitted. Intended raid by the Scots against the Grahams. The King's great need. Mr. John Colville's humiliation to the Bishop of Glasgow. Advertisement of Irish matters from the Dean of Limerick. Colonel Stewart's offer to serve her Majesty in Ireland. The King's assertion of her Majesty's illness and danger; his party in England. An enterprise in hand by Denmark. *[The postscript partly in cipher]. Incloses,*

41. i. *A note of information given by the Dean of Limerick to Mr. Nicolson of his conferences with the King of Scots, on Irish matters, and his desire to stay in Scotland.*

June.

July 12. 42. King James to Sir Richard Houghton. Requests his favour towards George Cochrane.

July 18. 43. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Colonel Stewart's offers to her Majesty in Ireland; he is valiant and of experience, but the true reason of his offer is that he thinks the Earl of Gowry will remember his father's death.

July 22. 44. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The "rode" to the Isles deferred on account of the great scarcity in the country. Carmichael's murder; the King waiting an opportunity of revenge. A Scotch ship spoiled by Englishmen. John Colville's confession and repentance sent to the King; his book setting forth the King's title; the King's joy. A book sent to the King written by Henry Constable.

July 30. 45. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Border disorders; complaints. Lord Hennes. Angus. Leave granted for men to go into the Low Countries. Submission of the Ogilvys and Lindsays to the King.

August 4. 46. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Has appointed Mr. James Hamilton to reside in England as his servant, for mutual correspondence.

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August 4. 47. King James to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his favour towards Falkland. the bearer, Mr. James Hamilton, whom he has appointed his agent in England.

August 4. 48. George More to Sir Robert Cecill. Sorry that he has conceived an ill opinion of him; will never communicate with fugitives again. His desire to serve his country; the danger it is in from foreign invasion. The intentions of Spain.

August 5. 49. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs the conveyance of a packet to the French Ambassador. Sir Robert Carr's desire to travel abroad. Colonel Stewart's offer to serve her Majesty in Ireland. Mr. Hamilton to reside in England, and Mr. Hudson to be discharged. Many plots and devices. Bruce hanged by the Marquess of Huntly. Mr. Colville's book is being printed.

August ? 50. The true discourse of the late treason attempted against his Majesty's royal person by the late Earl of Gowry and his brother Mr. Alexander Ruthven, August 5, 1600.

August ? 51. Thomas Hamilton to Lady —— A long letter giving a full account of the circumstances of the Earl of Gowry's conspiracy against, and attack upon, the King of Scots.

August ? 52. The verie maner of the Erll of Gowrie and his brother their death; quha were killit at Perth ye fyft of August 1600, by the Kingis servantis, his Mat^w being present.

August 6. 53. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Particulars of the Earl of Gowry's plot. The message taken by the Master of Gowry to the King, about some hidden treasure, while he was hunting in Falkland Park. The King's visit to the Earl's house at St. Johnston's. The dinner; the long search afterwards for the hidden treasure. The Master's attempt to stab the King; their struggle. The rescue of the King and the killing of the Master, and subsequently of the Earl, by Mr. John Ramsay. Thanksgiving appointed for the King's escape, and the observance of the same by the whole Council, on their knees, at the Market Cross of Edinburgh.

August 10. 54. John Achinros to George Nicolson. The entry of her Majesty's forces in Loughfoyle. The readiest way to overthrow the rebels. Expediencie of winning Argyll. The murder of his master [M'Lane].

August 11. 55. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Rumours, in respect to the late tragedy, of the King's varying accounts of it. A declaration subscribed by Thomas Cranston clearing Gowry and his brother. Cautious conduct of the ministers. The whole country suspicious of the King's conduct in the matter. Charms reported to have been found in Gowry's purse, so that he would not bleed. Proclamation against all Ruthvens. The King to declare the whole matter in the church. *Incloses,*

55. I. *The palinod of John Colvill, wherein he doth penitently recant his former prouide offences, specially that treasonable discourse, lately made by him, against the undoubted*

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and undeniable title of his dread Soveraigne Lord King James unto the Crowne of England after decease of her Ma'te. [The title and address to the reader only; in the handwriting of Mr. George Nicolson.] August.

August 12. 56. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends Mr. Walter Mowbray, a Scottish man of good parents, who had resided in Spain and the Canary Isles, and had sustained loss from pirates.

August 14. 57. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Public protestation of Edinburgh. the King at the Market Cross in respect to Gowry's conspiracy. Charms found upon the Earl's person. Persons captured who were concerned in it. Ministers banished by the King. Border matters.

August 21 58. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Sends the bearer [Sir Henry Brouncker] to congratulate him on his happy escape from the execrable fact intended against him. Though a King [sic] she is, yet her funeral has been prepared also, long ere, she supposes, it will be needful. She hears too much of it daily, to remind her she is mortal, as they be too who make such preparation beforehand; and she smiles thereat, supposing that they are readier for her death than she is.

August 21 59. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Great doubt of the Edinburgh. King's part in the late matter. Mr. Rind has been extremely booted, yet confesses nothing about the Earl [Gowry]. Other persons examined. Torture. The hangman sent for. Unlawful acts alleged against the Earl. The charms found in his purse. The Queen's youngest daughter dead. Reports of Gowry's being favoured by England.

August 22. 60. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of Gawyn John-Falkland. ston, who had served three years in the Low Countries under the Earl of Leicester, at his own charges and to his utter undoing.

August 28. 61. Francis Dacre to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his intercession Dumfries. with the Queen in his behalf, having no one else to whom he can look for it.

August 30. 62. Sir Henry Brouncker to Sir Robert Cecill. Delayed there Berwick. for his passport. The suspicions of the King's plot upon the poor Earl [Gowry] increase daily.

Sept. 1. 63. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends his bill of charges, Edinburgh. and begs he will give order for payment thereof.

Sept. 2. 64. Sir William Bowes to Sir John Stanhope. Meeting with Bradley. Mr. Preston; his account of the death of Gowry. Improbabilities in the case. His own [Bowes'] opinion of the matter, and how it arose from an accident.

Sept. 2. 65. Francis Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his intercession London. with the Queen in his behalf; and that, if her Highness is loth to part with her money, that he may have licence for some broad cloth and beer.

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Sept. 3. 66. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Disorders. Dunkirkers. Edinburgh. Conversation with the King. A large English vessel reported to have awaited for the transportation of Gowry. The King's anger against the ministers. Sir George Elphinstone's entertainment of the King.

Sept. 3. 67. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. A gentleman arrived from the King of Scots, who is desirous to know when he can kiss her Majesty's hand. London.

Sept. 4. 68. Sir Henry Brouncker to Sir Robert Cecil. Very unhappy that he is still delayed there. Every day brings forth more matter of suspicion. *Incloses*. Berwick.

68. i. *George Nicolson to Sir Henry Brouncker. Has been attending the King, and has only just received Mr. Secretary's letter; will, however, send his safe conduct with all diligence.* Edinburgh, Sept. 2.

Sept. 5. 69. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Safe conduct sent to Edinburgh. my Lord Ambassador [Brouncker]. Irish matters. John Achinros. The only way to win is by an enterprise in Loughfoyle.

Sept. 13. 70. Advice from John Achinros to George Nicolson, on Irish matters, for raising men for the proposed enterprise by Loughfoyle.

Sept. 14. 71. James Hamilton to Sir Robert Cecil. Requests a passport for Mr. Duncan Moore, who is repairing with his company to his charge in France. London.

Sept. 14. 72. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Thanks him that he has righted her so well in supposing the news of his happy escape would be acceptable to her. Doubts not but he has rendered proper laud to God, and she has accompanied it with her Amen. As they say that he [Gowry] had a thousand spirits his familiars, she supposes there were none left in hell. No infernal power bears any sway where a higher force makes defence.

Sept. 17. 73. Passport for the Laird of Cessford, a nobleman of Scotland, to pass through England on his way to France.

Sept. 20. 74. Sir Henry Brouncker to Sir Robert Cecil. Forwards a letter, Berwick. that her Majesty may have some taste of his proceedings before he comes to her presence. The news of the French King's success against the Duke of Savoy will not much please the King of Scots.

Sept. 21. 75. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Requests her favour for Linlithgow. Ranolde Fairlie, tenant of the rectory of Filey, in the county of York, that he may have the same bestowed upon him in fee-farm.

Sept. 22. 76. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Good service of my Berwick. Lord Ambassador in Scotland. Requests her Majesty's relief for his own long and faithful service there.

Sept. 30. 77. James Hamilton to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs to know when London. he may attend upon her Majesty to deliver up certain instructions which he has received from the King of Scots.

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Oct. 19. 78. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Conversation with Henderson about the late action [Gowry's conspiracy]; the dagger; the King's defence of himself. The ministers caused the doubts about it. His [Hudson's] service in England contrasted with Mr. Hamilton's. The King's desire to do her Majesty some service in Ireland.

Oct. 19. 79. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Proceedings of the King with the nobles in the North. Distrust between the King and Queen. Three ministers displaced. Bishops to be appointed. Bishop of Glasgow's suit for restoration. Proposed restoration of Bothwell.

Oct. 19. 80. Robert Douglas to his brother Archibald in London. Thinks Mr. Hudson will not prevail, as my Lord of Mar his protector begins to "mank" in credit. Sir Robert Carr is thought to have great correspondence with England, and has licence to travel for six years. Huntly to have the custody of the Prince. Gowry to be forfeited at the Parliament.

Oct. 22. 81. "A note given to my Master [Nicolson] by John Achinrös," of the influence of Argyll in the North of Ireland, and the necessity of her Majesty's entertaining him.

Oct. 24. 82. "Memoriall of Jo. Achinros." If Nicolson writes to his Lordship, he hopes that he will remember him [Achinros], as he goes to all those parts that have trafficked and traded with Tyrone.

Oct. 24. 83. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecill. Most part of this day he has bestowed on the party with whom his Honour conferred last night. He accepts his Honour's offer. The recompence is to be made after performance. Craves that a messenger may be sent to commit Philip Mowbray.

Oct. 27. 84. Walter Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Proffers his services to her Majesty, and begs assistance towards his exorbitant expenses to Madrid, that he may be able the more courageously to endanger himself.

Oct. 28. 85. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Strange kindness between the King and Queen. The bodies of Gowry and his brother to be brought to the Parliament to be forfeited. Bishops. Sir Robert Carr in great favour. The Parliament to be held in England. Suspicions that it will not be for the King's good. A book printed in England contradicting Gowry's conspiracy. Books, brought by Father Hamilton, of challenge against the ministers. Two Irishmen seeking speech of the King.

Oct. 31. 86. Master of Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrangement for their correspondence. The Parliament. The King of Scots' necessities. Gowry's death; the Duke's doubts about it. High words between the King and Queen. Sir Robert Carr licensed to travel. Irish matters.

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Oct. 87. Mr. Lok's memoriall concerning some services to be done for her Majesty by the Master of Gray.

Nov. 1. Berwick. 88. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. The King banquetted by Sir George Home. Business of the Parliament. Forfeiture of Gowry. Church matters. Wise carriage of Sir Henry Brouncker. The matter of Gowry; the Queen's part in it. Reconciliation between the King and Queen.

Nov. 5. 89. Privy Council of England to Mr. Nicolson. Inform him of her Majesty's resolution to use the service of Achinros in Ireland against Tyrone, and instruct him to take steps for the transportation of the Scottish islanders there.

Nov. 7. Edinburgh. 90. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Scottish Parliament put off. Gowry. The name of Ruthven to be abolished. Promotions. The new bishops. Quarrel between Erroll and Marischal. News of the rebels in Ireland.

Nov. 12. Edinburgh. 91. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Reports of the King's dealings abroad. Reported arrival of Jesuits and seminaries. John Colville said to be gone to Rome. The employment of Achinros in the Irish business. Argyll. Huntly.

Nov. 12. Edinburgh. 92. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sir Robert Carr persuaded not to travel, and to be made a Lord. Contest for precedence between Huntly and Angus. The King warned for his partiality to Huntly. Argyll's possible support for Angus. The Queen at her very reckoning. The matter between Mar and Livingstone. Contest for place between Lords Fleming and Home. Quarrel between Uchiltre and the Sheriff of Ayr. Hostilities between the Dunbars and Rosses in the North. Nobles present at the Parliament. Forfeiture of Gowry. Act against seminaries and Jesuits. The Bishop of Glasgow to be restored. Mr. Patrick Galloway's preaching before the King. The King's harangue in reply. A probability of the appointment of Bishops. Gowry's nativity sent to the King by Mr. Colville.

Nov. 12. 93. Idem to the Fyye Fynger [the Master of Gray to Sir Robert Cecill]. Discords between the nobility, Huntly, Glamiss, and others. Probable creation of Peers. Opposition expected. Depositions concerning Gowry's conspiracy.

Nov. 13. Edinburgh. 94. John Achinros to Sir Robert Cecill. Goes forward immediately for Ireland; preparation of his men; arms; bows; security for the men; their pay must begin when they leave Scotland.

Nov. 13. 95. Advertisements from Scotland "from a Counsellor in Parliament":—Meeting of Parliament; the matter of Gowry; jealousy between Angus and Huntly; election of new Bishops; Archibald Napier slain in the High Street during the sitting of Parliament.

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Nov. 15. Edinburgh. 96. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil, or in his absence, to Mr. Secretary Herbert. The new Bishops and their seat in Parliament. An Act about the Bishop of Glasgow. Bothwell's lands. Proceedings against Gowry and his house.

Nov. 15. 97. Private communication from George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Money received. The King's survey of the Borders; his anxiety for Buccleuch's return. Wise advice sent to the King about Gowry. [Not signed, and partly in cipher.]

Nov. 15. 98. Anonymous advices from Scotland:—Proceedings of the Parliament in respect to the forfeiture of Gowry, against Bothwell, and in other matters; creation of new Lords and Knights; the order of the procession to open the Parliament on the 11th inst., and the names of the persons present; names of the Nobles absent from the said Parliament.

Nov. 20. Edinburgh. 99. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The Queen's delivery of a son. Execution on the bodies of Gowry and his brother. Reconciliation of the Queen and Earl of Mar. The King's efforts to reconcile Huntly and Argyll. New creations.

Nov. 23. Chillingham. 100. Mr. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Creations of Bishops, Lords, and Knights, made at the Parliament. Sentence on Gowry; its execution deferred. Nobles absent from the Parliament. The name of Ruthven to be abolished.

Nov. 21. Dec. 1. Brussels. 101. Earl of Westmoreland to King James. Professes devotion to him; and desires a personal interview that he may communicate something to him which he may not well write. Fr. [With a postscript addressed to the King by the Duc d'Aumale, recommending the Earl's case to his favour.]

Nov. 27. Edinburgh. 102. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil or Mr. Secretary Herbert. Approaching baptism of the King's son. The King's efforts to reconcile Argyll and Huntly. Border causes. Irish matters. Factions in the Court.

Nov. 27. Edinburgh. 103. Secretary Sir James Elphinstone to Sir Robert Cecil. Denies certain reports, which had been spread abroad, of the King of Scots' dealings with the Pope; which the King supposes are devised as a pretext for keeping back his annuity.

Nov. ? 104. Long letter signed J.B. to Mr. Ho. In criticism of the King of Scots' Book of his last will and testament [the ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΩΡΟΝ] which, the writer says, he prefers to Machiavelli's Princeps and Xenophon's Cyrus.

Nov. ? 105. The opinion of a faithfull welwiller to y^o churches of God in Scotland, touching their demand of having voices in Parliament, and the King's assent thereunto, on these conditions:—1st, That such as are to have voice shall be nominated by his Ma^{tie}; 2nd, That they should be esteemed as Lord Bishops; and 3rd, That they should continue during life. [Indorsed by Sir Robert Cecil, "A censure of the King's Booke of ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΩΡΟΝ, and other matters concerning the Parliament."]

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Nov. ? 106. Master of Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends letters, to which he wishes answer before he removes. Has written to Mr. Gray to send for a gentleman, who will inform him of every particular.

Dec. 5.
Edinburgh. 107. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The baptism wished to be deferred; reasons for it; present resolution concerning it. Feasting the French gentlemen. A declaration made by Mr. Oliphant concerning Gowry's conspiracy. The King and Queen agree well. Huntly is come there for his safety.

Dec. 10.
Edinburgh. 108. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Concerning one Charles Leigh, who has had secret conferences with the King of Scots, respecting his title to the throne of England.

Dec. 10.
Edinburgh. 109. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill, or in his absence, to Mr. Secretary Herbert. The King's entertainment of the French gentlemen. Masses performed in the town. John Hamilton's book. Papistry likely to increase there.

Dec. 14.
London. 110. The Laird of Pury Ogilby to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for thirty pounds received from Mr. Lok. Shall not fail to do his duty as an honest man. [Signed *John Gibsone*.]

Dec. 16.
Durham. 111. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sends a book of the coats and words of the Lords of Scotland, and a book of anagrams of one Quin, an Irishman.

Dec. 17. 112. Sir Robert Cecill to the Master of Gray. Informs him of the Queen's desire that he should remove from the Borders, in consequence of the prevalence of certain reports that he is employed by her Majesty there.

Dec. 20.
Chillingham. 113. Mr. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. The Master of Gray will write no more until he leaves that place. The Queen now takes to Huntly and that party. Mass celebrated in Huntly's house in Edinburgh. An agent of the Pope's with the King. The Master of Gray invited by the King into Scotland.

Dec. 20. 114. Sir Henry Brouncker to Sir Robert Cecill. Is sure that the letter to him from George Nicolson was opened by chance. Is persuaded, if Leigh be well handled, that somewhat will be drawn from him.

Dec. 27.
Burroden. 115. The Laird of Pury Ogilby to the Bishop of Durham. Begs that he will let the bearer have some black cloth, for he is forced to go home in mourning for his father. Promises to give him such intelligence shortly as will enable him to do her Majesty such service as has not been done these seven years. [Signed *John Gibsone*.]

Dec. 30.
Edinburgh. 116. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. All quiet there. The baptism of Prince Charles. Names of the gossips. Plays and pastimes. New creations. Proclamation against Jesuits.

Dec. 30.
Edinburgh. 117. George Nicolson to Sir Henry Brouncker. The King acquits him of something reported against him. The Queen's service needs his presence there. If he had escaped slander he had done as never English Ambassador did before.

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Dec. 31. 118. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. A packet from George Nicolson to the Master of Gray. The King's feasting of his nobility. New creations.

1600 ? 119. Catalogue of the Scottish Nobility and Officers of State; with remarks respecting their religion, age, and power. [*In the handwriting of Mr. John Colville.*]

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1601.
Jan. 3. 1. Robert Seton, Earl of Winton, to Sir Robert Cecil. Requests his favour in behalf of two poor Scotchmen, his friends, who have fallen into trouble, and require a passport to Calais.

Jan. 8. 2. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King takes her Majesty's granting of the gratuity in good part. A report of Sir William Bowes' committal to the Tower. Huntly persists in sending Philip Mowbray.

Jan. 12. 3. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. Has got letters from such Scottish nobles as have any credit where he is going; had he known that they sold their letters so dear he would have entreated greater sums before his departure. George Nicolson has lent him ten pounds to further his voyage.

Jan. 18. 4. Thomas Douglas to [Sir Robert Cecil]. The Ambassadors wrote to Archibald Douglas to beg his advice. Begs that Sir John Fortescue may cross them. Expected visit of the King of Denmark and his brother.

Jan. 28. 5. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King better pleased with the Queen. The Master of Gray writes to the King of reports raised to his [Gray's] prejudice. Charges to be made against him. Army prepared by the King of Spain for Flanders.

Jan. ? 6. The deposition of Mr. Robert Gray, as to his communication with the Laird of Pury Ogilby.

Jan. ? 7. Robert Gray his instructions from the Laird of Pury Ogilby, his master, for the delivery of certain letters to my Lord Secretary's wife and others.

Feb. 7. 8. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King has been Edinburgh. much occupied with the dispatch of the Earl of Mar. The King cares not that Pury Ogilby should be hanged. Pury Ogilby has many friends. Mar and Kinloss will depart about Thursday next. The Secretary knows not their instructions, as the King writes them himself. The Convention holds. Nicolson is held in suspicion. Sir Robert Carr's employment is dashed. Aston is very diligent, but under great suspicion; watched here, and to be watched in England. Mr. James Hamilton is in great hatred. Mr. James Fullerton is presently out of taste, yet not charged with offence as Mr. James Hamilton will be. Mr. Hamilton knows what Fullerton knows, and will show it to Cecill. The inclosed may be given to Mr. Hamilton. [*Names in cipher.*]

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Feb. 8. Edinburgh. 9. Anonymous to Mr. Gray of Chillingham. The Earl of Mar is directed to England to know her Majesty's will towards the King of Scots. Meeting of the English Parliament. The King conceives ill of a certain person; his efforts to have Huntly, Argyll, and Murray agreed.

Feb. 10. Edinburgh. 10. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. The Earl of Mar and Mr. Alexander Bruce, Abbot of Kinloss, to go in embassy to England. The purport of their instructions is to assert the King's right to the Crown of England. Lennox's proposed embassy to France.

Feb. 10. Holyrood. 11. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Letter of credit for the Earl of Mar and Abbot of Kinloss, whom he has chosen as his Ambassadors to her Majesty.

Feb. 11. Edinburgh. 12. Laird of Barnebowgall to James Hudson. The King's intercession for his [Barnebowgall's] son James Mowbray, in prison at Westminster. Thinks that there is over great extremity used against him, and begs that he may want nothing till his coming up.

Feb. 13. Widdrington. 13. Laird of Pury Ogilby to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for twenty pounds received from Sir Robert Carey. His sending to Berwick at present will be suspicious. [Signed in the assumed name of John Gibsone.]

Feb. 13. Chillingham. 14. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. Particulars of Sir William Eure's secret meeting with the King, Sir Robert Carr, and Sir George Home. Armorer is for the most part with Sir Robert Carr in East Teviotdale.

Feb. 14. Edinburgh. 15. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Conversation with Mr. Bruce and the Earl of Mar, as to the object of their embassy to England; their professions. Clement Armorer and Sir Robert Carr. Factions likely to arise against Mar. Lennox going to France. Aston and Beltreis are very honest, and will write shortly.

Feb. 14 & 15. 16. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Sorrowful news of the stirs made by my Lord of Essex and others. Great need of an Ambassador in Scotland. The writer finds that his Honour [Cecill] is embarked in the matter, but he must be wary. Lord Willoughby has many errands in Scotland, but doubtless his Honour knows them. [Not signed, and chiefly in cipher.]

Feb. 15. Edinburgh. 17. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. His communications to the King of the matter of the Earl of Essex. The King's wonder. The Queen's pleasure concerning Pury Ogilby. Mar departs about Thursday next.

Feb. 20. Chillingham. 18. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. Forwards letters, one to the Master of Gray. The King of Scots is much grieved with the uproar of the English Lords, fearing their fall, and accounting them his good friends.

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Feb. 24. 19. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs that the Council will appoint a sufficient house or lodging, in London, for the Earl of Mar and his train, and suggests Baynard's Castle as one that should serve the turn well.

Feb. 20. 20. James Hamilton to Sir Robert Cecill. Is commanded by the King to repair instantly to Scotland. Begs, if he cannot have a pass immediately, that he will not be offended at his going without one.

Feb. ? 21. Francis Mowbray to Mr. Lok. Has been often to his chamber. Begs that he will leave a note, that he may know when and where to find him.

Feb. 26. 22. Walter Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Has used all lawful means for the recovery of his goods in vain; will now take means to repay himself, and will not be satisfied till his heart is bathed with revenge.

March 1. 23. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Incloses his bill of charges, and requests him to give order for payment of the same.

March 3. 24. Anonymous advertisement from Edinburgh:—Scots in London who ought not to be there. Letters sent to the King of Scots from England. The matter of Gowry. A fight in the streets between Sir Hugh Herries and Henderson, who was in the chamber where the King was to have been killed. Argyll come to Court.

March 5. 25. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrival of James Hamilton; his report of the arraignment and execution of my Lord of Essex. Examination of Pury Ogilby. Quarrel between Sir Hugh Herries and Henderson. Expected disclosures about the death of Gowry. Strict watch kept at Holyrood.

March 7. 26. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Mar's intention to satisfy her Majesty about the King of Scots' negotiations abroad; other objects of his mission; his professions; his good qualities; his associates, &c.

March 8. 27. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The godly end of the Earl [of Essex]; Mr. Hamilton's report of it. A Dunkirker in Leith road. Arrival of the Queen; her attendance at sermon. Ministers. Suspicions at Court. Mr. Aston. Thomas Douglas requests more money.

March 14. 28. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Order anent the Dunkirker. Pury Ogilby's examination and flight. Report of an intended massacre; the King's fears. The Queen. General discontent. Border matters. Thomas Douglas still demands more money.

March 20. 29. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. To-morrow is appointed for the Ambassadors' audience; their anxiety in a matter of David Demster's.

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March 21. Edinburgh. 30. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Disagreement between the King and Queen. Pury Ogilby's letter to the King; the King's rage against him. Achinros forbidden to proceed; his charge to be considered. Border causes.

March 31. London. 31. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Earl of Mar desires to speak with the Queen privately. Cause of the Ambassadors' stay there. My Lord of Kinloss is taking physic, and hath been let blood.

March ? 32. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Pleased that he has not harboured the griefs conceived against her. The objects of the Ambassadors' journey are the self same for which she gave satisfaction to my Lord of Kinloss two years before. Admonishes him to scan what works best become a King, and what in the end will best avail him.

March ? 33. Answer made to the Ambassadors of Scotland, in respect to their complaints of Border disorders, and setting forth other matters committed by the Scots, and complained of by the English.

April 7. Edinburgh. 34. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Redress demanded by him of the King of Scots for Border disorders. Bonnington's confession. Countess of Huntly's departure. The Queen at the preachings; her enemies. Visit of a little black man, an Englishman, to the King. *Incloses,*

34. i. *King James to the Lairds of Johnston and Buccleuch.* *Directing them to repress the attempts of the broken men of their bounds upon England, and blaming them for certain incursions lately made.* *Holyrood, March 31.*

34. ii. *George Nicolson to the Laird of Johnston.* *Of the horrible outrages on the Borders, and of his communication with the King on the subject, and as to the best means of preventing them.* *Edinburgh, April 3.*

George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cary. *His dealings with the King to take consideration of the troubles made by his broken men on the Borders.* *[With the preceding.]*
Edinburgh, April 4.

George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cary and Lord Scrope. *Incloses the King's letters authorizing them to pursue the rebels in England or Scotland, wherever they shall have opportunity.* *[With the preceding.]*
Edinburgh, April 1.

April 9. Lochwood. 35. Laird of Johnston to George Nicolson. In answer to his letter complaining of him for not meeting the English officers for redress of the Border matters, and attributing all the blame to Lord Scrope.

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April 10. London. 36. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. Anxiety of the Ambassadors to know her Majesty's pleasure. A party against Mar in Scotland; his good meaning and zeal.

April 11. Edinburgh. 37. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Francis Mowbray very anxious for his [Cecill's] resolution. Philip Mowbray's errands. Border matters. The King's anger at the Master of Gray's return to England. An Englishman, Captain Ellyott, come from beyond sea. Expected arrival of the King of Denmark. *Incloses,*

37. i. *George Nicolson to Sir Thomas Erskine and Sir George Home. Understands that Francis Armstrong and others, the late spoilers, have been taken by the Laird of Johnston, and recommends that they may be delivered up to her Majesty's officers.* Edinburgh, April 10.

James Gleghorne to George Nicolson. *The King has received no advertisement of the matter he writes of in his letter, but as soon as he does he will give order that the men shall be delivered up to England.* [With the preceding.] Linlithgow, April 10.

April 11. Chillingham. 38. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. The Master of Gray's arrival at his [Gray's] house. Roxburgh offers to bring him to the King. The King's complaint of her Majesty, in respect to the Earl of Essex and Valentine Thomas.

April 15. Biddick. 39. William Carr to Mr. Thomas Douglas. Apologizes for omitting news at this dangerous time. The Queen has been merciful to Sir William, who has been concerned in a certain unfortunate transaction.

April 16. London. 40. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Scottish Ambassadors to have an interview with the Council. Professions of Mar.

April 22. Edinburgh. 41. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King complains of him respecting the Dunkirkers. The Borders quiet through Johnston's diligence. Roxburgh and Sir Robert Cary to meet for the affairs of the Middle March. *Incloses,*

41. i. *King James to Mr. Nicolson. In answer to his letter in which he complains of him [the King], first, for breaking his promise in coming on this side of the water in this time of disorder; secondly, in respect to a Dunkirk who had taken an English prize; and, thirdly, that he had suffered Sir James Maconell lately to go to Ireland with four hundred men for the aid of Tyrone.* Huntingtower, April 19.

April 26. Edinburgh. 42. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Gentlemen executed by the King for robberies. Huntly meets and sues to the King. Gracious conduct of the King to himself. A man to be executed for hanging the King's picture on a gibbet. Johnston. The Master of Gray's efforts to see the King.

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April 28. 43. Archibald Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Recommends his nephew Thomas Douglas for a commission for post-horses to return to Scotland.

April 28. 44. King James to the Earl of Mar. Informs him of a conference he has had with the Laird of Johnston, and Robert Scot, respecting some incursions committed upon the English on the Borders, and in regard to the delay which has taken place in staying the same, through the absence of Lord Scrope from his Wardenry.

April. 45. Sir Robert Cecill to the Master of Gray. Marvellous quiet since the death of the Earl of Essex; his designs and confessions; persons executed with him; the Earl of Southampton's implication with him. The Queen's clemency to Scottish Ambassadors in England; their object. The King of Scots' anxiety to be exculpated from the accusations of Valentine Thomas. A proposition made by the Ambassadors in respect to the lands of Lady Lennox. Charges against him [the Master of Gray].

April 30. 46. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Execution of Bonnington. The Kings' secret speeches with Johnston. Border disorders. The Master of Gray sick. The man who set up the King's picture hanged. Probability of the King's restoring the ministers of Edinburgh.

[April.] 47. "Consideraçons to move the King of Scotts to hearken to that which shal be offred by such Prynces as can give him ayde." In Spanish.

May 1. 48. Captain Robert Elyott to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for kindness while he was in England. Is now at the Scottish Court, and will be glad to do any service to redeem his former offences.

May 3. 49. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. A gentleman from Duke Maurice. Expected return of the Ambassadors. Nicolson to beware. Philip Mowbray's secrets. The traitor Tyrone.

May 9. 50. The Laird of Pettynwem to Thomas Douglas, brother of the Laird of Quhittingame. Was glad to hear of his safe return. Good success of Mountjoy. Matters of state go on well.

May 14. 51. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecill. Communications from the Laird of Wemyss. The letter to the King from the exiled Catholics he craveth to have back again, but if it be worth keeping it ought to be copied.

May 20. 52. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Expected return of the Scotch Ambassador; the King will send him back again. His Honour [Cecill] not loved there, on account of the death of Essex. Increasing dissension between the King and Queen. The death of Gowry. The King to be challenged for the filthy act.

May 21. 53. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The late slaughter of the thief Puddingburne; the King's jests about it. Maxwell's breaking ward. Troubles at a horse race in Teviotdale. Gentlemen from Moravia. The matter of Philip Mowbray.

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May 23. 54. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Mar's negotiations with the Queen ; her dislike of his business. Money. The King's pension to be augmented. Conditions. The lands of Lady Lennox. His [Cecill's] correspondence with Huntly.

May 31. 55. Laird of Pury Ogilby to [Sir Robert Cecil ?]. Dispirited by his last cold answer. Warns him to beware of false friends. Offers his service. The love of the King and Queen. Possible alterations at Court. The Queen's anger against Sir Thomas Erskine. The mission of Lennox to France. Angus about to leave the country. Convention of the ministry. [Signed John Gibsone.]

[May.] 56. Francis Mowbray to Mr. Lok. Mr. Secretary approves that he [Lok] should exonerate himself before Foulis, Aston, and Hudson, therefore begs him to come this morning "timously," as they leave on Saturday.

June 1. 57. [Francis Mowbray] to Sir Robert Cecil. Expresses sorrow at being discharged from corresponding with him. Imprisonment of his cousin, Philip Mowbray, who was employed in Ireland. Sir James MacOnell willing to take a certain purpose in hand. Offers to be the "actionner" in it, and to convey the Earl of Huntly's letters to her Majesty. [Not signed.]

June 2. 58. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Philip Mowbray confronted with his accusers, and challenges them ; his committal to the castle ; his motion respecting Huntly and Tyrone. The King excuses Huntly. Francis Mowbray. Middle March matters. Placard for horses for Argyll. Argyll and the Duke agreeing about their lands. Return of the Scottish Ambassadors. Executions. The horse race in Teviotdale. The Queen's anger with the King. Mar will be hated marvellously.

June 2. 59. Francis Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecil. George Nicolson makes great difficulty in conveying his letters ; begs that he will desire him to do so.

June 6. 60. Secretary Sir James Elphinstone to Sir Robert Cecil. The Duke of Lennox, being employed by the King for France, begs that he may have a safe conduct through England.

June 11. 61. Proclamation by the King of Scotland against the Earl of Dalkeith. Tyrone and his rebellious accomplices.

June 21. 62. Queen Elizabeth's passport for the Duke of Lennox, sent by the King of Scotland into France on certain his affairs.

June 23. 63. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. His arrival there. Berwick. Illness of the Governor. The Gentleman Porter refusing to give him a pass he is forced to leave without it.

June 24. 64. Philip Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecil. Sorry for his displeasure, but was betrayed. Is forced to leave the country, but has not been dishonest in any way. Hopes he will not cast him off, but give him recompence for his journey.

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June ? 65. Philip Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Details particulars of interviews with Francis Mowbray, who said he had obtained his life of his Honour, and had promised to do him service, and of his communications with my Lord [Mr. Archibald] Douglas. Also respecting Walter Mowbray, and regarding money which he, the writer, had received of Mr. Lok.

June 27. 66. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill.* Incloses a note of monies disbursed by him, and requests repayment of the same.

66. 1. *A note of the moneys I [George Nicolson] have disbursed for your Honour [Sir Robert Cecill], and how [to Beltries and Thomas Douglas].*

June. 67. Sir James Sympill Laird of Beltrees to Sir Robert Cecill. Being appointed to accompany the Duke of Lennox to France, and forced to come that way, has received a little charge to her Majesty, which he begs leave to deliver.

July 1. 68. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Incloses letters from Edinburgh. Mr. Aston and Mr. Hudson to Mr. Lok.

July 4. 69. Laird of Pury Ogilvy to [Sir Robert Cecill ?]. Is compelled to buy his peace of the King upon rigorous conditions, which he cannot afford, and then to go to Flanders. Begs assistance of money, and assures him that it will not be ill bestowed. Edward Drummond goes back to France in my Lord Duke of Lennox's company. There is appearance of alterations in the Court. [Signed John Gibsone.]

July ? 70. Laird of Pury Ogilby to King James. Complains that on his coming from Dumfermline to Edinburgh to satisfy his Majesty's desire, he found himself pursued and searched by the Magistrates. The charges against him were unfounded, and not worthy of his Majesty. Denies ever having used his Majesty's commission to foreign Princes, either in Flanders, Italy, or Spain.

July 8. 71. King James to the Privy Council of England. Requests Dalkeith Castle. redress for spoils committed in the county of Mayo upon some Scotchmen.

July 8. 72. Secretary Sir James Elphinstone to Sir Robert Cecill. The King complains of the receipt of Gowry's brother in England; and Edinburgh. requests that an answer may be sent to a former letter touching Lord Scrope and the Grahams.

July 9. 73. A letter, deciphered by Sir Robert Cecill, subscribed 98. The King has accepted his Apology very graciously, and promises to do him all the service in his power. Requests him to undertake the voyage with Lord Cobham if he finds he can do any service either to himself or the King. Lord Sanquhar has acted a villainous part. Desires him to write to the King what he thinks meetest to be done, and the King will answer it.

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1601. 74. An apologie and defence of the King of Scotland against the infamous libell forged by John Cecill, English priest, intelligencer to Treasurer Cecill; of England: By Robert More. [The author's name is obtained from No. 78. The paper is a reply to "Certain objections made by John Cecill, an English priest, against the offers made by John Ogilby to the King of Spain, in 1596, on behalf of the Earls and other Catholick Lords of Scotland," the said Ogilby having produced a paper which he called "The Reasons that induce the most Invincible King of Scotland to be reconciled to the See Apostolick, and to procure a confederacy with Spain."*]

1601? 75. Copy of the same.

1601? 76. Copy of the same.

1601? 77. The substance or abstract of the same.

1601? 78. Memoranda respecting the preceding paper.

July 10? 79. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Has stayed there for want of shipping. Has received a hundred French crowns. The King has endeavoured to reconcile Angus and Huntly. Anger of the Kirk against Huntly. Intercession with the King for the home-calling of Robert Bruce. The Duke [Lennox] goes to France.

July 18. 80. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Letters from Spain assuring Tyrone of aid. Bothwell coming to take Orkney. Bothwell's credit with the King of Spain. Disagreement between the King and Queen of Scots. The Treasurer displaced.

July 19. 81. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. Letter from the Master of Gray. Begs a warrant that his letters may not be stopped by the Warden.

July 29. 82. Master of Gray to Mr. Ralph Gray, of Chillingham. The King's efforts to reconcile the Queen and the favourites. Francis Mowbray committed; charges against him. The King warned to take care of his life.

July 29. 83. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Confinement of Francis Mowbray; his accusers; intercession with the King for him; suspicions of his dealings for England. The King's efforts to reconcile the Queen with Sir George [Home] and the Comptroller. The King's charge to the Borderers. Communication with Kinloss respecting Mowbray.

July 30. 84. Secretary Sir James Elphinstone to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs his intercession in the case of one William Man, of Dundee, whose ship has been captured by Englishmen.

July. 85. Thomas Douglas to [Sir Robert Cecill]. Cause of his stay there. The King's instructions to his Ambassador [Lennox] going to France. Begs assistance of money.

* In the dedication of a small poetical summary of the Bible, entitled "Biblia Summula," published in 1621, by John Shaw, of Queen's College, Oxford, there is mention of Dominus Robertus More, Regis Jacobi Doryphorus, who was probably the author of this paper.

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July. 86. Philip Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs assistance, being put from his living and country without cause.

July 31. Chillingham. 87. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. Meeting with the Master of Gray. The efforts to reconcile the Queen to Sir George Home and the Comptroller. The Master of Gray in great extremity. *Incloses.*

87. I. *Master of Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's efforts to "agree" the Queen and the favourites. Accusations against Francis Mowbray; his admissions. Suspicions respecting the King's life. The King's suspicions against himself.* Edinburgh, July 29.

August 1. Edinburgh. 88. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Forwards letters from some merchants of Dundee about their goods.

August 2. Edinburgh. 89. John Lepton to Sir John Stanhope. Has come to that country to avoid a greater inconvenience "by means of his unprofitable studies." Has promised the King his service, and requests her Majesty's permission for the same.

August 2. Edinburgh. 90. John Lepton to Sir Robert Cecill. Having wasted his money on "chemical conclusions," in the vain hope of profiting himself and his country, has been forced to fly the kingdom, and requests the Queen's permission to reside in Scotland to serve the King there, who has asked his assistance in his minerals and money.

August 3. Edinburgh. 91. Laird of Pury Ogilvy to the Bishop of Durham. Excuses for not writing before. Sends two books of that doubtful matter which fell out between the King and Gowry. The Queen's reconciliation with Sir George Home and others.

August 6. Tuxford. 92. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen accorded with Sir George Home. The Treasurer to be removed. The employment to Lorraine. Gray out of favour. Mar's reception in England. Francis Mowbray's matter.

August 7. Edinburgh. 93. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Examination of Francis Mowbray; his danger. Burley going to Lorraine; his object. Mr. Lepton, a refiner of money, with the King.

August 10. Falkland. 94. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's proceedings at St. Johnston's. The Queen. The faction at Court. The matter of Francis Mowbray.

August 13. Chillingham. 95. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill. Advertisement of news. The Master of Gray expects to hear from him [Cecill]. *Incloses.*

95. I. *Advertisement of news [from James Home to Ralph Gray]. The Comptroller and others received into favour by the Queen. General reconciliation at Court. August.*

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[August.] 96. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. A raid on the Borders. Does not see how the peace will be preserved there. [Not signed.] *Incloses,*

96. i. *George Nicolson to Lord Scrope. A complaint made by the King of a spoil committed upon his honest subjects. If he makes reparation, all will quickly grow well.* August 10.

August 16. 97. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Letters received about Edinburgh. Francis Mowbray; his close keeping; the proceedings with him. Report of Spaniards landed in Ireland.

August 17. 98. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's explanation respecting Francis Mowbray's confinement; his charges against him. Reports against the Earl of Mar. The Master of Gray suspected as their author. An army of Spaniards said to be landed in Ireland.

August 17. 99. George Nicolson to Lord Scrope. The King's reception of his [Lord Scrope's] defence for the late matter alleged against him, of taking certain persons into custody. His note to be sent to the Laird of Johnston for the confirmation of its truth.

August 20. 100. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Bothwell's arrival in the Low Countries. His object to seduce all the Scots there. Will see if it be possible by any means to bring him to England.

August 23. 101. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. The French King's letter to the Archduke. Fear of the people of Calais at the King's coming so strong. The Archduke beginning to hearken to the counsel of the Flemings. The Spaniards wish him to leave the siege honourably.

Sept. 2.
Before Ostend.

August 24. 102. Robert Aston to George Nicolson. The King's journey to Stirling. Dumbarton. News of the Spaniards landing in Ireland. The King's deliberations how he can best serve her Majesty in the matter. General desire to fight for her Majesty.

August 25. 103. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Spanish landing in Ireland. The King's anxiety to serve her Majesty. Present determination to set the Highlanders upon them. Francis Mowbray to be liberated. Evil aspersions of the Master of Gray.

August 28. 104. Sir Robert Cecill to Thomas Douglas. Has received his letter informing him of the arrival of Bothwell in the Low Countries, and offering to bring him to England; promises to shield him from all danger if he can do so, and to reward him for it liberally. [Signed "152."]

August 29. 105. John Achinros to [Sir Robert Cecill]. Tyrone's rebellion. Dumbarton. Neill O'Donnell's service necessary to be preserved; his brother's also. Tyrone's messenger to Spain is returned home.

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Sept. 2.
Edinburgh.

106. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's proceedings to stay any support to the rebels in Ireland. Kirk matters. The King's desire for Mr. Lepton to stay in Scotland. Francis Mowbray still prisoner. Movements of the Court. Secret reports about Cecil.

Sept. 4.
Edinburgh.

107. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Incloses his bill of charges, and requests present payment thereof.

107. i. *George Nicolson's bill for his entertainment, carriage of letters, &c., from March 1 to August 31, 1601.*

Sept. 9.

108. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. News from Ireland Traffickers with the rebels. A matter of the Hamiltons. The Master of Gray to receive a trial at St. Johnston's. A person arrived from Italy. The pledges.

Sept. 10.
Pourie.

109. Laird of Pury Ogilvy to Sir Robert Cecil. Professions of service towards both their Princes. Lack of means. The bearer desirous of serving in Flanders, for whom he requests his favour.

Sept. 15.
Stirling Castle.

110. Earl of Mar to George Nicolson. Sends his answer to Mons. de Rohan, and requests he will cause it to be conveyed with all speed and surety.

Sept. 24.
Chillingham.

111. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Sends a packet from the Master of Gray. Chance of his being received into the King's favour.

Sept. 28.

112. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Informs him of the particulars of the sinking of some Spanish galleys between Dover and Calais. Lord Home has had favourable audience of the Queen.

Oct. 6.
Edinburgh.

113. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's offer to serve her Majesty against the Spaniards. Foulis gone to England for money. Visit of some French nobles to the Queen. New coinage, &c. Strange disorders. Sir George Home appointed Treasurer.

Oct. 10.

114. Sir Robert Cecil to the Master of Gray. Evil reports against them. Never gave Mowbray more than 100*l.* Philip Mowbray made offers of service against Tyrone, which he refused. No letter which Lok could show could possibly condemn him. Marshal Byron's business in England was to negotiate about succession, but the Queen would as soon give ear to her mortuary as admit any such negotiation. Sorry that the King has not the services of so good a servant as he [Gray] would be. Particulars about the Spanish army landed in Ireland, and of the proceedings to resist them. The Archduke lies before Ostend, watching his opportunity to win the town. Sir Francis Vere commands it with 5,000 soldiers, so he hopes the year will not be one of jubilee for the enemy.

Oct. 10.
London.

115. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Arrival of Mr. Foulis with a letter from the King to her Majesty. Letters from the Earl of Mar and Sir George Home.

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Oct. 17.
Edinburgh.

116. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The Spaniards landed in Ireland. The King's expressions against them. Bothwell's movements abroad. Huntly's return to Court. The King's complaint of young Gight, &c. *Incloses,*

116. i. *Peter Saltonstall and Benjamin Rudyerd to Mr. Nicolson.* Inform him how, being desirous of seeing Scotland, they had accepted the offer of one Robert Bruce, alias Peter Nerne, to guide them, how he had persuaded them to leave without a licence, and how, after their arrival there, he had quarrelled with them and confessed his intention of murdering them. Request his assistance, and beg that their coming without a licence may not be misinterpreted. *The Friars, the Lord of Roxburgh's house. October 11.*

[Oct. 18.] 117. Copy of Peter Nerne's [alias Bruce's] depositions anent his practice and intended murder of Peter Saltonstall, Benjamin Rudyerd, and John Grant their servant.

Oct. 18. 118. Thomas Douglas to —— in London. Reported weakness of the garrison of Ostend. Count Frederic gone to follow From the Army. Count Maurice; their strength.

Oct. 18. 119. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. Sir William Stanley The Camp. and Colonel Sempill sent for by the Archduke. Large fleet preparing by Spain. Projected marriage between the Prince of Scotland and the Duke of Florence's daughter, &c.

Oct. 26. 120. Copy of a Privy Seal for payment of two thousand pounds to Mr. David Foulis, as an addition to a former gratuity to the King of Scots.

Oct. 28. 121. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The Queen's acceptance of the King of Scots' offer of the service of his people. Persons fittest to serve against Tyrone. M'Lane. Achinros. Ministers. News of Bothwell in Spain. Ostend in great strait. Nerne has been booted, and confessed much villainy; he says that 150 [Cecill] gave him two shillings a day.

Nov. 6. 122. John Achinros to Sir Robert Cecil. Intentions against Edinburgh. Tyrone. Loss of M'Lane. Force requisite. Persons fit. His own good feeling. Need of money.

Nov. 6. 123. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Accident to the Edinburgh. King. Talk with him. The Queen of England's acceptance of the service of the Islesmen. Argyll's unfitness to serve against Tyrone. Tyrone's Spanish gold. Argyll gone against Angus M'Oneill.

Nov. 6. 124. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Arrangements for the conveyance of letters. The King is to go to Sir George Home's house, and the Master of Gray will meet him there.

Nov. 7. 125. Roger Aston to Henry Lok. The forces to be employed for Edinburgh. her Majesty in Ireland; persons named as fittest for the service there. The King's good faith. Gray's report about the King's consent to the death of his mother. The warrant. Blanks which he gave to the Master of Gray when employed in England. Liberation of Mowbray.

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Nov. 7. 126. Anonymous [Sir Thomas Erskine] to —. *Expected a just copy of such things as are meet for Alexander the Great. Can say nothing to his other "particular" of sending to the King of France.

Nov. 8. 127. Francis Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Complains of an injurious sonnet written against him by "ane maker of poyessie," and entreats that he may be put in prison to receive due punishment for it. *Incloses,*

127. i. *Sonnet by John Burrell, addressed "to the right vallereus my Lord of Weims" allusive to Mowbray, commencing,*
 "Is Weims a bairne to play with trows that fule."

[*Printed, single leaf.*]

Nov. 11. 128. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Letters to be sent to the Duke of Lennox. His [Lennox's] friends wish him to be employed in English affairs to lessen the credit of Mar. Irish matters. The King's letter to her Majesty stayed. Gentlemen to be appointed for the Irish service. Border thieves. Nerne's confession of his communications with Papists.

Nov. 19. 129. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. In favour of Mr. Peter Saltonstall and Mr. Benjamin Rudyerd, that they may not be troubled for their journey to Scotland.

Nov. 21. 130. King James to Queen Elizabeth. His offer of service to her Majesty in Ireland. Movements of the Spaniards there. Expediency of his having an answer to his offer. His discovery of all those who have traded with her rebels.

Nov. 22. 131. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's letter to her Majesty. A "plat" by Bothwell to send in 10,000 men at Dumbarton; the King's certainty of it; his grief. The Irish service. Huntly and Argyll; their means for the service. Colonel Stewart's return from Denmark. Border thieves.

Nov. 24. 132. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Forwards a letter from the King to the Duke of Lennox.

[Nov. 25.] 133. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecill.* Could not answer his letter before by reason of the Master of Gray's absence. His sending for by the Queen. Going to Court. The French Ambassador wishes that Mowbray should be tortured.

Dec. 2. 134. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Thanks for his letters by Foulis and the Duke. Will accept his offer of service if it should be needful. Does not wish the Duke of Lennox to venture in so perilous a service; commends him highly.

Dec. 4. 135. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Against the Grahams, "resetters" of the Armstrongs, who murdered his Warden, complaining of their being rescued from his present Warden within the English bounds.

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1601. 136. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. An Irishman arrived from the Archduke. Provision for MacSorle taken by Sir George Elphinston. A spoil on the tenants of the Laird of Johnston by the Armstrongs. John Colville in hope of employment by the Archduke. The Spaniard's "plat" to send in ten thousand men to Dumbarton. Great spoil committed by the Armstrongs. Mr. John Musgrave to be sent to correct the unruly Grahams. Thomas Douglas was to have poisoned Gowry's brethren by appointment of the King.

Dec. 4. Edinburgh. 137. Thomas Nicolson to Henry Lok. Begs him to recommend his suit to my Lord Secretary.

Dec. 26. Edinburgh. 138. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. A great army coming from Lisbon. The Irish service. The Queen of England's letter pleases the King. Forces to be prepared for Ireland. Argyll pursuing the Clan Donnell. Glamis ordered to ward. Huntly great in the King's favour.

1601. 139. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecill. The gentlewoman remains in London, but where he knows not. It is thought there is some great matter to be done in Scotland.

1601? 140. Archibald Douglas to Mr. Richard Douglas. The King of Scotland's prejudice against the writer. The writer's enemies. The meddling of Peter Pedagogue; his trade with one Anthony Bacon, no small wheel as the writer thinks, of the King's fortune. A ring presented by the said Pedagogue to Bacon as from the King, which Bacon subsequently gaged to the person of whom it had been purchased. Another story of a ring presented to Sir Francis Walsingham, when Ambassador in Scotland, which turned out to be counterfeit. Allusions to Roger Aston, James Hudson, Mr. Doctor Harris, the good old Prior of Blantyre, the custody of the young Phoenix, the Prince of Scotland, and other matters.

1601? 141. Copy of the same letter, in the handwriting of George Nicolson, indorsed by him "Copie of a copie of a letter written or feigned to be written by Mr. Archibald Douglas to Mr. Richard."

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1602. 1. Secretary Sir James Elphinstone to Sir Robert Cecill. ~~the~~ the speedy and favourable despatch of Mr. Aston, sent to receive "the Christmas term of the annuity."

Jan. 2. Edinburgh. 2. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen's order anent the Grahams, who had aided her outlaws. The men offered for her service by the King of Scots against the Spaniard. Dissent about it in his Council. News of Ireland. A great fight reported. Emulations among the nobles. Coinage. Expected Ambassador with an offer of marriage from Spain. The King desires leave for Mr. Lepton to stay with him to do him service in his mines.

Jan. 3. Berwick.

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Jan. 3.
Edinburgh.

3. John Lepton to Sir Robert Cecil. Begs an answer to his request for leave to serve the King of Scots "in" his minerals, refining, and "allaying" of his money.

Jan. 4.
Couperspeth.

4. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of Mr. Aston who is going up [to England] about the King of Scots' affairs.

Jan. 9.
Edinburgh.

5. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King angry at Argyll's absence. The Scotsmen to be employed in Ireland. Lennox's anxiety to serve. Mar. Argyll. Opposition of the Council. The Ministers. An offer from Bothwell to serve her Majesty, and so, through her, to regain the King's favour. Lord Home a suitor for the King's favour to Glamis. Thomas Douglas' request for ten pounds. *Incloses,*

5. I. *Thomas Douglas to George Nicolson.* *Finding that he will not strain his credit to serve him, shall not go to England till he pleases; and unless he sends him ten pounds this day he shall keep the letters and commission he had from the Count de Soissons for his last quarter's hire.*

George Nicolson to Thomas Douglas. *Common honesty and the credit of his house will, he hopes, keep him from putting his threats into execution. If he will write any letters to his master [Sir Robert Cecil] he will send them with all speed, but has not ten pounds to give him as he desires.*

Dec. 30.

5. II. *Thomas Douglas to George Nicolson.* *Did not mean what he wrote, and as for the money he desired to borrow, will give him his bond to repay it if it is not allowed.*

Dec. 31.

Jan. 18.
Edinburgh.

6. [Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil.] Birth of another son to the King. Glamis to submit and enter into ward. The matter of Arbellia not to be put in practice before March.

Jan. 19.
Edinburgh.

7. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King glad of the good news. The matter with Glamis entirely failed. Argyll coming. Emulation between Lennox, Argyll, and Mar. The Treasurer in disrepute. Herries on caution. Birth of another son to the King. The pest. John Colville's book approving the old religion. Book published against the King of Scotland's title to the Crown of England. Books about his mother.

[Jan.]

8. Part of a letter or postscript from George Nicolson. Sir George Home, his [Cecil's] friend, begs him to haste Mr. Aston. Englishmen in Scotland secretly. Reported interview between Bruce and the King.

Jan. 23.

9. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Thomas Douglas' service and demand of money. The two thousand men to be put in readiness for the Queen's service in Ireland. Plotting against Mar. News of Tyrone.

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Jan. 27. 10. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The Queen of England's good success against the Spaniards. The King of Scots' joy. Public thanksgiving. Tyrone and his followers forced to retire to the woods and play Robin Hood there. The King's conversation about Tyrone. His professions towards her Majesty.

Jan. 27. 11. Philip Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecil. Proffers service. Wrong done him by his cousin. Thanks for ten pounds.

Feb. 2. 12. William Moys to Mr. Willis. Informs him that a warrant for payment of ten pounds to Philip Mowbray, alleged to have been lost or embezzled, has not been paid.

Feb. 3. 13. Queen Elizabeth to the King of Scots. Thanks him for his offer of his subjects' service, and for the warning he gave her of a supposed army from Spain for England. She nothing fears it though they come; and she conceives that he would be loth that disaster should arrive to her, who as yet, God be praised, never tasted of any.

Feb. 6. 14. Secretary Sir James Elphinstone to Sir Robert Cecil. The King going to the West Borders. Wishes that orders may be sent to the English Wardens to settle matters there.

Feb. 6. 15. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The two thousand Scots to be employed for the Irish service. Unwillingness of the Islanders to serve there. The Queen in no need of them now. The King going to Dumfries to take order with the Armstrongs. Motion to send some one to England. Rivalry of Lennox and Mar. *Incloses,*

15. i. *"Proclamation against the receavers of such as leave their enseignes in Ireland," forbidding the receipt of soldiers, Englishmen or others, who desert the Queen's service in Ireland.* *Holyrood, Jan. 28.*

15. ii. *The order appointed and set down by the King's Majesty and Lords of his Secret Council, anent the levying of two thousand men to be sent to Ireland.* *Holyrood, Jan. 31.*

Feb. 7. 16. King James to Queen Elizabeth. In favour of one Andrew Dunfermline. Creighe, whose goods had been detained by the Bishop of Durham.

Feb. 10. 17. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Letters from the Master of Chillingham. The King thinks better of him. The custody of the Prince. Jealousy between Mar and Lennox.

Feb. 13. 18. John Achinros to George Nicolson. M'Neill and others Dumbarton. going to Ireland. Necessity of Tyrone's being followed up more closely; ability of the Scots to "strait" him in the woods and mountains.

Feb. 13. 19. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of certain pledges detained at Berwick, that they may not be confined so strictly, as they would rather spend their lives on a gallows than at the bottom of a pit.

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Feb. 16. Edinburgh. 20. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Queen's thanks to the King of Scots for his offer of the service of his people in Ireland ; the cause for their employment there removed. Fray between Maxwell and the Johnstons. Roxburghe's complaint about the treatment of the four pledges at Berwick. Hard estate of Clement Armorer. The Queen's anxiety to have the custody of the Prince.

Feb. 18. Edinburgh. 21. George Nicolson to the Earl of Nottingham and Sir Robert Cecill. Commending the bearer, who goes to their Lordships to communicate the offer of Patrick Turner and Charles Balfour to serve at sea between Scotland and Ireland.

Feb. 20. Acton. 22. Henry Lok to Sir Robert Cecill. In explanation of an error respecting an order for payment of ten pounds to Francis Mowbray.

Feb. 21. Dumbarton. 23. John Achinros to George Nicolson. A matter fallen out between Sir James M'Oneill, who murdered his [Achinros's] master's mother's brother, and Ronald M'Sorle. Reasons for bringing Ronald to the Queen's service. The traitor and murderer Sir James must not be received, although it is necessary to make fair terms with him. Two thousand Highlanders must be employed, and the Earl [Tyrone] must be spoiled of his goods, for these Ireland men never render until they are spoiled of their goods. Sir James must not be received or they will rue it, for reasons which he [Achinros] will not write.

Feb. 22. Edinburgh. 24. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Threats by the friends of the pledges. The King's anger with Roxburghe about them. His Majesty's orders on the subject. *Incloses,*

24. i. *Lord Roxburghe to Nicolson. A complaint from the Scottish pledges of their hard treatment at Berwick. Begs his intercession with the Queen and Council for their relief. Incloses,* Haliden, [February] 14.

Robert Fresolle, Richard Rutherford, Thomas Ainslie, and William Taitt to Lord Roxburghe. Complain of their harsh treatment in prison at Berwick, and beg relief.

Berwick, February 8.

Feb. 25. Mr. David Foulis to Sir Robert Cecill. Thanks for all his honourable courtesies, and the noble benefit lately received in his name from a worthy friend.

March 2. Dumfries. 26. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Mr. Musgrave's conference with the King respecting the pursuit of his rebels. The King's great complaints of the Grahams ; Mr. Musgrave's answer for them. Challenge from Thomas Musgrave to Launcelot Carleton about Bewcastle.

March 7. Dumfries. 27. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Commends the readiness of her Warden on the West Border, and other officers, to pacify the disorders there.

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March 8. 28. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Rinian Armstrong's house thrown down by the King's orders. Geordie Sandie Graham delivered up. The King's thanks to her Majesty. Maxwell. Johnston. The Armstrongs, &c.

March ? 29. General band of the nobles, gentlemen, and others of Scotland, against thieves, murderers, and malefactors.

March 8. 30. Anonymous advertisement:—Days appointed for holding justice courts at Dumfries and Peebles. [Indorsed by Mr. Aston.]

March 24. 31. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Dangerous accident to Mr. Aston by a fall over some stone stairs at the Queen's chamber at Dunfermline. Discourse at Calais between Lord Sempill and Lord Sanquhar concerning his honour [Cecill]. Shall be absent the next 12 or 14 days to come at Oxford.

March 25. 32. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of the Laird St. Johnston's. of Glenorquhay, going for his health's sake to the "baignes" in England and France.

March 26. 33. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's meeting Brichan. with Huntly at the hunting. The number of Huntly's followers. The King offended: his reception of Argyll. The dissension between Argyll and Huntly; how could they do the King service, if he [the King] is forced to fight for his inheritance, when they are ready to cut each other's throats? Lennox and Argyll quarrel before the King and challenge each other. [Not signed.]

March 31. 34. Copy of the King's letter to the Laird of Johnstone and Good-Holyrood House. man of Hayning. Blames them for disorders committed within their jurisdiction; has given certain orders to the Wardens opposite, in which he desires them to co-operate.

March ? 35. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Letters from the Master of Gray. His repair to the King's presence, and gracious reception, to the great discontent of his unfriends. His need of help. No money to be had in Scotland. The King busied in reconciling Lennox, Argyll, Huntly, and Murray. Approaching baptism of the young Prince.

March. 36. Sir Robert Cecil to [the Master of Gray]. His letters contained matter of good contentment in the likelihood of his restoration to the King's favour. Successful resistance of the Spanish invasion in Ireland. Difficulty of the King of Spain's collecting his troops, as the levies in Italy are for the Low Countries. Siege of Ostend; its importance in preventing the Spaniards from carrying out their designs against these Islands. A fleet to sail from Plymouth under Sir Richard Leveson, to prevent the union of the Spanish forces. Extent of his own [Cecill's] communications with Mar and Lennox. The King of Scotland's hard opinion of him. Prevented writing with his own hand by an accident.

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April 6. 37. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Departure of the Spaniards from Ireland. The King of Spain still bent on that purpose. Visit of the Duke of Nevers to her Majesty. The Queen's wish that the King of Scots should restrain the Highlanders from joining Tyrone.

April 15. 38. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Letters from the Master of Chillingham. Thanks for a supersedeas for his suit in the Star Chamber.

April 20. 39. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. Return of the King from Angus; Nobles convened to meet him. Determination respecting the baptism of the King's son. Argyll and Huntly to be godfathers. Countenance shown to the Master of Gray. A book respecting the beheading of the King's mother. Conversation of the King with Douglas about his being out of favour with Cecil.

April 25. 40. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Correspondence between Monsieur de Rohan and the Earl of Mar. Arrangements to prevent the Highlanders from joining Tyrone. Emulations. Preparations for the baptism of the Prince. [Partly in cipher.]

April. 41. Duke of Lennox to Sir Robert Cecil. Thanks for favours shown to him in London. The bearer is informed of his arrangements for the furnishing of forces in the North, and for repressing traffick with the rebels.

[April.] 42. Sir James Sympill, Laird of Beltrees, to Sir Robert Cecil. In favour of the Duke of Lennox, that he may receive the fruits of the promise made to him, so far as it may stand with the weal of his [Cecil's] Sovereign and his own safety.

May 4. 43. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Regulations for staying persons from going to Ireland. Letter from France. The Archduke's camp. 10,000 men to come for Ireland. Matters between the Duke and Argyll. Tyrone. Matter between Huntly and Murray. Baptism of the Prince. Strange behaviour of an Englishman, Humphrey Dethick, towards the King and subsequent murder of one Chambers. Papers, books, arms, and genealogies found upon Dethick; his alleged desire to kill the King.

May [4.] Dunfermline. 44. Examination of Humphrey Dethick:—His depositions as to his birth, travels, object in coming to Scotland and reasons for killing Chambers.

May 4. Dunfermline. 45. Proclamation by King James, releasing the Master of Gray from horning or any other Act made in consequence of debts contracted in his Majesty's service.

May 6. Dunfermline. 46. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. Return of Lord Sanquhar; his reception by the King. Christening of the King's son. Furious conduct of an Englishman [Dethick]; suspicions regarding him. Illness of the Master of Gray.

May 18. 47. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Recovery of the Master of Gray. Lord Roxburghé going to travel in France.

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May 19. 48. Sir Robert Cecill to George Nicolson. His doubts of the expedience of the King's mercy to Dethick. Foreign affairs. The Archduke. The King of Spain. The Deputy of Ireland marching against Tyrone.

May 21. 49. John Lepton to Sir Robert Cecill. Being allowed to stay there, begs a continuance of his honourable favour.

May 22. 50. George Nicolson to the Privy Council. In respect to the seizure, by the officers of the Bishop of Durham, from some Scotchmen, of ten packs of cloth, forfeited by the statute of Edward IV.

May 22. 51. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Slaughter of the tutor of Cassellis. Illness of the King's youngest son and of the Princess. An Ambassador expected from France. Mr. Aston to go up for the gratuity. Jeremy Luif the pirate. *Incloses*,

51. i. *King James to Lord Roxburghe. Desires him to give proper satisfaction for some pledges who had escaped from York.*
Falkland, May 16.

[May 22.] 52. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. His letter to the Council. Andrew Creighe's protestation of his innocence. Much wonder about the levying of men in England. Mr. Walter Balcanquhal's preaching about the Archduke and the Infanta. [Probably a postscript to the preceding letter.]

May 22. 53. King James to the Earl of Caithness. Informs him of the "meddling" of Jeremy Luif, the notorious pirate, with a certain English ship, and desires him to use all possible means to apprehend the said pirate.

May 23. 54. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The matter between Edinburgh. Huntly and Murray, and between Lennox and Argyll. A rode upon the Laird of Johnston's lands by the Armstrongs. A dealing intended for the restoration of Bothwell's children.

[May 25.] 55. [Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill.] Dethick not yet put to his trial. Illness of the King's youngest son. Dispute between the Queen of Scots and the Church about the custody of the Princess. Sir Thomas Erskine to be Secretary, [Not signed.]

May 26. 56. Sir James Sympill, of Beltrees, to Sir Robert Cecill. His Edinburgh. favour to the Duke of Lennox well bestowed. The Duke's anger about the speeches given out against him in France and England.

May 26. 57. Deposition of Andrew Creighe, made before the Earl of Holyrood. Montrose and Sir George Home, in respect to the speeches alleged to have been uttered by him against the Bishop of Durham.

May 26. 58. King James to the Privy Council of England. In respect Dunfermline. to the case of Andrew Creighe, whose goods had been seized by the officers of the Bishop of Durham.

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May 27. 59. Proclamation by King James, summoning the Provosts and Officers of Glasgow, Renfrew, and other places to appear on a certain day to give satisfaction for permitting certain persons to transport goods, &c., to the assistance of the Queen of England's rebels in Ireland.

May. 60. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Has satisfied the Laird of Wemyss. Strength of forces which can be raised in France. The Marshal de Biron suspected to have had traffick with Spain. Glenorquah going to the baths.

May ? 61. Sir Robert Cecil to George Nicolson. The savage act of Dethick; his assertion about an Italian who was to aid him. Suspicious letters from Florence forwarded by command of her Majesty. Explanation about a fleet of five ships. One hundred crowns sent for Beltrees. The States' army in the field.

June 1. 62. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Incloses his bill of charges, and begs an order for the payment.

62. 1. *Account of monies paid by George Nicolson for the service of her Majesty in Scotland.* June 1.

[June 3.] 63. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Death of the King's youngest son. Mr. Aston dispatched to England for the gratuity; others desirous to have gone. Roxburgh about to leave Scotland. Burley shortly to go abroad to "negotiate his former employments." [Dated May 3, in error.]

June 10. 64. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. A packet from Kinloss to Mons. de Rohan. The matter between Mar and Sir James Hamilton. Matters of the Isles. A Suffolk man, named Grise, seeking the King's protection for killing a gentleman of Cleveland in a duel.

[June.] 65. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Times appointed for payment of the King's gratuity. Fancies of a mad Scotchman named Kennedy, who thinks that James IV., slain at Flodden, is alive.

June 12. 66. [Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil.] Burley's journey to Florence. Lochinvar released on payment of a fine. Sanquhar begins to grow in credit. Liberality of Mr. Grise, a Suffolk man there. The King begins to mistrust Lepton. [Not signed.]

June 14. 67. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Packet from the Master of Gray. The Queen gone to Falkland. The Prince to be taken from Mar. Gray's sickness. Roxburgh about to travel.

June 17. 68. Daniel Archdeacon to Sir Robert Cecil. Lord Wemyss; offers made to Daniel to go to Scotland. Francis Mowbray. Friendship alleged between Daniel and Mowbray. Wemyss' promises to Daniel to prefer him to the Prince of Scotland. [Extract.]

June 20. 69. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The escaped pledges. The King's escape from Dethick. Henry Lee's suspicious creeping to London. The Italian letters to Dethick. Dethick's madness. News from France. Rumours about the Queen and the Prince. Letters from Denmark. Present quiet of Scotland.

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June 23.
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70. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The Spaniards on the point of coming to Ireland. Jeremy Luif, the pirate, taken. A petition from Dethick to the King. Roxburghe in the King's displeasure.

June 27.
St. Johnston's

71. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Jeremy Luif, the pirate. The King of Spain to send 12,000 men to Ireland. O'Donnell dispatched with eight ships and money to the aid of Tyrone. Roxburghe's approaching departure.

[June.]

72. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Nicolson. Has moved her Majesty to consent to the reprieve of a certain person till she may understand whether the King is well informed about him. The Queen will receive Cessford [Roxburghe] courteously. She declines Mar's request that his son may be brought up in her Court.

June ?

Warrant to the Exchequer to pay the sum of 2,500*l.* to Roger Aston, being the half-yearly payment of her Majesty's gratuity to the King of Scots. [*Warrant Book*, I., p. 52.]

July 1.
Falkland.

73. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Arrival of strangers at Leith. French news. The King's fear of the Duke of Biron. Convention of the Estates. Matters of the Lewis. Bothwell to be brought back by Sir George Home and Sir Thomas Erskin. [Not signed.]

July 4.

74. Queen Elizabeth to King James. They who draw the thread of life longest find no rarer gift than thankfulness, which makes her well gladded that he begins to feel how necessary a treasure it is. He shall not be deceived in the request of secrecy which he makes to her respecting an offer of the French King's, and she advises him to accept it; at the same time she thinks that he [King James] will have none of any league if she be not one in it.

July 4.

75. Another copy of the same letter.

July 4.

76. Another copy.

July 4.
Edinburgh.

77. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Proceedings of the Convention. Feud between Huntly and Murray. Lord Home to go to France. Roxburghe's approaching departure. Twelve thousand Spaniards coming to Ireland. Begs a comfortable pension or office.

July 4.
Edinburgh.

78. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Purport of Lord Home's embassy to France, to congratulate the King on his delivery from the intended treason.

July 6.

79. Sir Robert Cecill to Mr. Nicolson. Cannot understand a passage in cipher which he has lately written to him. Jealous of the letters which Mar receives from France; his suspicions of him. Will not falsify a certain person's trust. Mr. Aston dispatched with the gratuity. The matter of Dethick.

July 6.

80. Sir Robert Cecill and Secretary Herbert to Mr. Nicolson. Communicate the Queen's resolution in respect to some Border arrangements, and her approbation of the King's care to preserve mutual peace.

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July 7. Falkland. 81. King James to James Hudson. Desires him to intercede with the English Council in behalf of one John Henslay, of Grimsby in Lincolnshire, who had accidentally killed one Nicolas Blinstoun, the said Nicolas having first assaulted him, about Whit-sunday last, when he resorted to the sight of a play.

July 7. Falkland. 82. King James to Roger Aston. To the same effect as the preceding, and in similar words.

July 13. 83. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Explains the circumstances of his purchase of the Earl of Lincoln of certain horses for the King of Scotland.

July 14. Edinburgh. 84. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Persons taken by the Bishop of Ross. Letters from the papists. The King's reconciliation of Huntly [and Murray]. Lord Home to see her Majesty before he goes on his errand to France. Reported landing of Spaniards in Ireland.

July 17. Edinburgh. 85. Proclamation forbidding all persons to traffick with the Queen of England's rebels in Ireland.

July 21. Edinburgh. 86. [Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil.] Speech made by the King at the Convention; its chief point was the matter of the Queen's rebels in Ireland. The Lewis. Maxwell committed to the Castle for Border matters. A priest taken with letters from France. [Not signed.]

July 21. Edinburgh. 87. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Proceedings of the Convention. The Lewis. The King's harangue against the Irish rebels; his efforts to annul the Act prohibiting the importation of wool. Examination of the priest Meldrum. Dethick's confession. Mystic Italian letters. Reported arrival of the French Ambassador.

July 25. 88. Ralph Gray to Sir Robert Cecil. Packet from the Master of Gray. Lord Home going to France. Intent to bring in Bothwell. The King busy in reconciling Huntly and Murray.

July 29. Edinburgh. 89. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Arrival of the French Ambassador; his reception; importance of his mission. Return of Mr. Aston from England. Lord Roxburghe's desire for support.

August 5. Exham. 90. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Glad of Mr. Aston's welcome by the King. The French Ambassador's allowance. Nicolson's suit shall not be much longer protracted. Lord Roxburghe's passport. Directions for Beltrees. Rock cannot be capable of any great matter, her sex considered. Puzzled with his cipher. He [Nicolson] must get a letter from the Queen of Scots which may be shewn. [The names in the latter part of this letter are in cipher.]

August 14. Edinburgh. 91. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's reception of the French Ambassador. Presents. Letters. His own interview with him. The King's letters about Aynesley the Glover. Escape of Jeremy Luif, the pirate. Roxburghe's approaching departure.

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August 24. 92. Sir Robert Cecil to George Nicolson. The accident between Argyll and Lennox. Instruction for his behaviour towards the French Ambassador. News from Spain. Ciphers. Lord Home's mission to France. News out of the Low Countries. [Partly in cipher.]

August 28. 93. John Achinros to Sir Robert Cecil. M'Lane's movements Dumbarton. against Maconell to revenge his father's murder. Nothing shall be done with Ronald but to his contentment.

August 30. 94. Sir Robert Cecil to George Nicolson. Spanish preparations for sea. His opinion of their designs; his precautions and perplexities. Reported defeat of the Lord Deputy by Tyrone; its untruth.

1602? 95. The generall state of the Scotch Commonwealth, with the causes of their often mutinies and other disorders.

1602? 96. Copy of the same.

VOL. LXIX. SEPTEMBER 1602—MARCH 1603.

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Sept. 8. 1. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The King's charges Edinburgh. against trafficking with the rebels in Ireland. A complaint against the Captain of one of her Majesty's ships. M'Lane. The Clandonnell. Lennox in great favour. Entertainment of the French Ambassador by Mar. Reported intentions of Spain towards Ireland.

Sept. 11. 2. Lord Roxburgh to Sir Robert Cecil. On his way towards London. France. Desires leave to kiss her Majesty's hand.

Sept. 12. 3. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Favour shown to Falkland. O'Donnell at the Spanish Court. 20,000 men to be sent to Ireland. Tyrone. Bothwell to come with them. The King's offer to help her Majesty against them.

Sept. 15. 4. Declaration of Thomas Gent, Steward of the Barony of Burgh, touching the coming of Henry Leigh to Rockliffe Castle; and his statement of his mission from her Majesty to the King of Scots.

Sept. 17. 5. Sir Robert Cecil to George Nicolson. Health of the Queen of England; her pastimes during the past summer. The outcry against the captain of her Majesty's pinnace for using the Scots hardly. M'Lane and MacOnell. His [Cecill's] opinion of Roxburgh. News of the King of Spain's army.

Sept. 18. 6. Lord Roxburgh to Sir Robert Cecil. Thanks him for a London. letter and two warrants to see her Majesty's houses.

Sept. 21. 7. Sir Robert Cecil to George Nicolson. Instructs him as to the apprehension of one Henry Leigh. The news from Spain sent to her Majesty by the King of Scots. The Queen's own opinion of the Spanish intentions. A letter for the French Ambassador. The practice of opening letters by Secretaries.

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Sept. 22. Edinburgh. 8. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. News of the Spanish Army. The Master of Gray hopes to be a great courtier this winter. Movements of Henry Leigh; his protestations of innocence. The Queen's favour to Gowry's relatives. Suspicions. The King's testament to be newly printed. Scarcity of corn.

Sept. 27. Edinburgh. 9. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Conversation with Lady Bothwell. A letter from Bothwell; his exertions and hopes of revenge; his lady's proposal to avert his intentions. Proposals for marriage of the King's daughter. [Not signed.]

Sept. 29. Edinburgh. 10. John Lepton to Sir Robert Cecill. Is coming to England to take order with his creditors, and informs him of it to prevent suspicion.

Oct. 1. Edinburgh. 11. John Achinros to Sir Robert Cecill. Proposed marriage between M'Lane's daughter and M'Sorle. Submission of O'Kane to her Majesty. O'Donnell. Tyrone.

Oct. 1. 12. Sir Robert Cecill to Lord Home, Scottish Ambassador to France. Concerning Francis Mowbray, and some imputations which had been cast against him [Cecill] respecting him.

Oct. 2. 13. Sir Robert Cecill to George Nicolson. Defeat of the gallies; particulars. The matter of Francis Mowbray, and the imputations against him [Cecill] for employing him.

Oct. 18. Dumfries. 14. Order by the King of Scots to be observed by the Laird of Johnston and Lord Scrope, to prevent any future delay of justice between them.

Oct. 19. 15. Sir Robert Cecill to George Nicolson. Explains the particulars of his communication with the Earl of Gowry's sister. Offers him [Nicolson] by the Queen's direction, a lease in reversion worth 800*l.*, the sum of 400*l.* down, or 50*l.* a year. Desires him to answer Mr. Lepton. Wonders that all bankrupts and criminals should now fly to Scotland for a sanctuary.

Oct. 21. Carlisle. 16. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs him to stay the death of some Grahams whom he fears Lord Scrope will hang. John Musgrave gone to the King. Randal M'Sorle's letters to the King. [Not signed.]

Oct. ? 17. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The last raid into Scotland. Merry cracks between the King and Mr. Thomas Musgrave, the Captain of Bewcastle. A merry drink in the cellar. The young Prince's skill in the dance and with the pike.

Oct. 22. Berwick. 18. Francis Mowbray to Mr. Levinus Monck, Secretary to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs that he will put his master in remembrance that some appointed day may be set down for his "party adverse," or else that he may be considered fugitive.

Oct. 22. Berwick. 19. Francis Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Begs that his "partie adverse" may be summoned for a certain day or else considered fugitive.

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Oct. 24. 20. Instructions from the King of Scotland to Sir James Lindsay, in answer to a letter and commission brought by him to his Majesty from the Pope. Lat.

Oct. 24. 21. The same in English.

Oct. 24. 22. Another copy of the same, indorsed by Sir Robert Cecill.

Oct. 25. 23. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The matter between Edinburgh. Lord Scrope and the Grahams. Arrival of John Musgrave, and his intention to go to London respecting his pension.

Oct. 27. 24. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecill. Border matters. Peebles. Return of Lord Home from France; his reception and the result of his mission. The French King's letters requesting liberty of conscience for the Catholics.

Oct. 30. 25. Francis Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. Non-arrival of his Berwick. adversary; his fears that he will slip away. Begs that some persons may be present and hear their quarrel before they fight.

Oct. 26. 26. Sir Robert Cecill to George Nicolson. Denies having had secret communication with a certain person as is alleged. His courses shall never be built on unworthy foundations. The Queen will do nothing in regard to Gowry's sister to give the King cause of complaint.

Nov. 3. 27. Francis Mowbray to Sir Robert Cecill. The matter between Berwick. him and his adversary to be settled on Thursday next. Fears no man, having a good conscience.

Nov. 3. 28. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The matter between Dunbar. Lord Scrope and the Grahams.

Nov. 4. 29. Sir Robert Cecill to George Nicolson. Lord Scrope and the Grahams. Begs further particulars before he moves the Queen in their behalf. Requests particulars also of Mr. Musgrave.

Nov. 10. 30. Extract from the Acts of General Assembly holden at Holyrood House, in respect to ecclesiastical matters, commission for visitation, trial of pastors, trial of congregations, trial of presbyteries, ministers that are "vacant," &c.

Nov. 12. 31. Depositions of Francis Mowbray, respecting his acquaintance and communication with Daniel Archideaquila, and the accusations made against him [Mowbray] of intending to take the King of Scots' life.

Nov. 12. 32. Copy of the same.

Nov. ? 33. The depositions of John Anderson, of all the circumstances which passed between him and Francis Mowbray since their meeting in London.

[Nov.] 34. Depositions of Walter Mowbray on the same matters.

Nov. 13. 35. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. Robert Graham. Gowry's sister. The matter between Lord Scrope and the Grahams. Examination of Francis Mowbray. The matter of the Italian and Francis. Acts of the Assembly. The King plays the part of a worthy King. His intended good acts against the Papists and Recusants.

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Nov. 14. 36. Sir Robert Cecil to Mr. Nicolson. Lord Scrope's arrangement about Robert Graham; difficulties respecting his execution or his release.

Nov. 16. Edinburgh. 37. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. The quarrel and approaching fight between Mr. Mowbray and Daniel Archide aquila. Daniel's confession. His interview with the King. Hard thoughts of him [Cecill] in Scotland. [Not signed.]

Nov. 24. Edinburgh. 38. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. Complaint made against Lord Scrope by the Laird of Johnston. Famine and plague in Norway, Poland, and Muscovy. The two parties that are to fight [Mowbray and Archide aquila]; their correspondence with him [Cecill], and the King's perplexity about it. [Not signed.]

Nov. 24. 39. Robert Le Grys to Sir Robert Cecil. Explains that he has been forced, in the pursuit of a gentlewoman's lawful favour, to fly to Scotland. Begs protection and offers his service.

Nov. 28. Edinburgh. 40. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The combaters; their examination. They are brought face to face; the King's thanks to her Majesty about them. Argyll and Huntly. Pledges. Quiet. Captain Quyn. West Border affairs.

Nov. 28. 41. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. The matter of Robert Graham's delivery to the King; difficulties about his execution. Offers made by the Grahams to Lord Scrope. [Not signed.]

Dec. 1. Edinburgh. 42. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Incloses a bill of charges, and requests payment of the same.

Dec. 3. Holyrood. 43. Memorandum, by King James, promising a yearly payment to Francis Lord Dacre of six hundred crowns.

Dec. 8. Holyrood. 44. King James to Queen Elizabeth. Complains of Lord Scrope for making incursions upon the Scots, and requests his delivery up to him that he may obtain satisfaction for the same.

Dec. 16. 45. Affirmation upon oath made by Daniel Archdeacon [Archide aquila?] of Francis Mowbray's communication to him of the failure of a design against the life of the King of Scotland; and Mowbray's oath in reply to the same.

Dec. 25. Edinburgh. 46. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Robert Henderson suspected to be a coiner. Jeremy Luif, the pirate. Health of the Prince and the Lady Elizabeth. The approaching combat. Mowbray suspected to be a knave. The French Ambassador.

Dec. 26. London. 47. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. The approaching combat. Mowbray's counterfeiting of his [Cecill's] handwriting. Mr. Lok Nicolson.

Dec. ? 48. James Hudson to Sir Robert Cecil. Aspersions made against him [Cecill] by the Master of Gray. Proceedings of a certain violent woman. Daniel has swerved in his examination, yet the combat still holds. Mrs. Barbara would be well away. Bothwell. Gowry.

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1602. 49. Pedigree deduced from Angus MacOnell, in the handwriting of Sir Robert Cecil.

1602? 50. Names of Ambassadors sent into Scotland from England, and of officers on the Borders, from 1560 to 1602.

1602? 51. King James to —. Thankfully accepts the demonstrations of his affection. [*Indorsed "the copy."*]

1603. 52. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Conference of Gowry's sister with the Queen. Consequent displeasure between the King and Queen. The King's thanks to her Majesty for not dealing with Mrs. Barbara. The approaching combat to be delayed. The Master of Gray and Ogilvy suspected of designs in favour of Gowry's brethren.

Jan. 1. 53. Queen Elizabeth to King James. Glad that her true intents towards him are so gratefully taken. The Archduke mistaketh everybody. Wrongs done her by Spain. Her help to Holland and Zealand. Warns him of the designs of France.

Edinburgh. 54. George Nicolson to Lord Scrope. His Deputy has much profited him with the King. The King goes to the Borders again in October. Lewis and Isles matters.

Jan. 30. 55. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Francis Mowbray charged with counterfeiting his [Cecill's] hand. Other charges against him. Ciphers. [*Not signed.*]

Jan. 30. 56. Laird of Indernyty to the Earl of Argyle. With a letter to be delivered to the King. The Bishop of Vaison will be shortly in Scotland. Intends continuing his journey first to Italy and thence to Spain. *Incloses,*

Feb. 9. 56. 1. *Laird of Indernyty to King James.* Wherever he passed the people spoke of his Majesty as their young Lord. There are few statesmen in France who will approve of England, Scotland, and Ireland being united under one Crown. The Pope's Nuncio, the Bishop of Camarin, complains much that his Majesty should be harder on the Catholics than the Queen of England. Bothwell has behaved himself so badly in Spain that he has been commanded to leave for Sicily. Commends his cousin Mr. William Crichton.

Paris. Jan. 30.
Feb. 9. 57. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecil. Agreements of the Duke, Argyll, Huntly, and others. News of the Clandonell. Tyrone comforted with foreign aid. Master of Oliphant slain.

Feb. 1. 58. Thomas Douglas to Sir Robert Cecil. The reasons which Edinburgh. forced Francis Mowbray to attempt his escape; his death; suspicions about it; the King's treatment of the body. Daniel [his adversary] to be knighted. Suit from Lord Maxwell to the King.

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Feb. 6. 59. Roger Aston to Sir Robert Cecill. The King's gratitude for her Majesty's affection evinced towards him. The Gowry family. The Queen's countenance to them. The depositions of Mowbray and Anderson. Sudden death of the former.

Edinburgh.

Feb. 9. 60. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. A packet from the French Ambassador. Agreement between the nobles. The matter of taking up the guard.

Feb. 24. 61. Receipt by George Nicolson for four hundred pounds, as the Queen's bounty and reward to him for his long services to her.

Feb. Holyrood. 62. Grant by the King of Scots to Daniel Archdeacon [Archide-aquila?] Italian, of an annual pension of 90 marks, in regard of the accusations made against him by Francis Mowbray, and Mowbray's subsequent behaviour and death.

March 15. 63. James Nisbett to —. Glad of his purpose to Dover. Price Edinburgh. of goods. Malaga wines. Exchange of Flemish and English money. He is to go to Flanders and take half their stock.

March 25. 64. George Nicolson to Sir Robert Cecill. The King intends to Edinburgh. send Mr. Aston away about the gratuity. Commends Mr. Aston. Nothing comes faster there than the news of the sickness of her Majesty.

March. 65. A note by George Nicolson of packets sent by him to Sir Robert Cecill, in this month of March 1603.

1603 ? 66. The names and titles of the Earls and Lords of Scotland, with the Countries wherein they live, beginning in the north and so southward. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Henry Lok.*]

1603 ? Brief abstract or summary of treaties, articles of truce, &c., concluded between England and Scotland from the time of Henry VI. to that of Queen Elizabeth. [*Border Corr., Vol. lxxv.*]

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[?] Copies of charters, bulls, letters, &c., relating to Scotland, from the time of King David I. [*Probably from originals in the Tower, being in the handwriting of Robert Lemon, Esq., formerly Chief Clerk in the Record Office.*]

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[?] A very large volume in MS., containing upwards of 520 folios, being a complete digest or compilation of Scotch law from the earliest periods to the time of James VI. [Known by the title of "Balfour's Practicks," being attributed to Sir James Balfour, of Pittendreich, Lord President of the Court of Session, under whose name the work was published at Edinburgh in 1754.]

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1543.

March 15. Mary Queen of Scotland. Order of establishing James Hamilton, Earl of Arran, as Governor of the realm of Scotland during the nonage of the said Queen Mary, and as the legitimate successor to the Crown of Scotland failing lawful issue of the said Queen. [*Henry VIII.*, Vol. vi., No. 10 A.]

1559.

Nov. 13. Francis and Mary, King and Queen of France, Scotland, &c., to Blois. the Queen Dowager of Scotland. Draft of the letter described at the date. [*Eliz.*, Vol. i., No. 133 A.]

[Dec. 4.]

Blois. Commission by Francis and Mary, King and Queen of France, &c. Appointing the Marquis d'Elbeuf their Legate in Scotland during the absence of the Queen Dowager. Draft, dated Nov. of the document described *ante*, Vol. i., No. 150. [*Eliz.*, Vol. i., No. 150 A.]

1560.

June 20—22. Thomas Randolph to Henry Kyllygrew. Commencement of Holyrood. treaty with the French Ambassadors. Great necessity of the French; their valour. Courtesies between the besiegers and the besieged during the abstinence. Differencé between the English and French vivers. Baked horse and roasted rats. Names of English officers. Lying in state of the Queen Dowager; the funeral deferred. The word of God; confessions before the congregation on Sunday; Mr. Secretary and Dr. Wotton present. Expiration of the truce. [*Eliz.*, Vol. iv., No. 21 A.]

July 6.

A note of the effect of the principall matters concluded betwene the Quenes Ma'c Comissioners and the French in' Scotlande. [*Eliz.*, Vol. iv., No. 41 A.]

August 17.

Edinburgh. Commission by the nobles and estates of Scotland, appointing James Lord St. John's to be the Scottish Ambassador in France. [*Eliz.*, Vol. v., No. 9 A.]

August 17.

The instructions given to James Lord St. John's by the three estates of the realm of Scotland, to be declared by him to the King and Queen of France, their sovereigns, in their behalf. Respecting the mode of appointing the Council of State, and regarding the crimes and misdemeanors of Lord Sympill, who had taken refuge in Dunbar Castle, the Governor of which, a Frenchman, has refused to deliver him up to justice. [*Eliz.*, Vol. v., No. 9 B.]

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1560.

Oct. 19. A declaration of the late proceeding of the Queen's Majesty of England with the French King and Queen, for continuance of peace and amity betwixt them and their kingdoms and countries. [Two copies in French of this declaration were transmitted to the English Ambassador at Paris, in a letter from Sir William Cecill, dated 19th October 1560; the second copy being for the Ambassador at Madrid.] [*Eliz.*, Vol. v., No. 38 A.]

Oct. 21. Thomas Randolph to Henry Kyllygrew. Castle Sempill rendered to the Earl of Arran. Lord Sempill gone to France with the Laird of Blancarn, as crafty, false, and subtle as any in Scotland. [*Eliz.*, Vol. v., No. 40 A.]

1561.

Jan. 25. "Memoriall" by the Earl of Bedford of an address to be made to the Queen of Scotland, on his being sent from England, upon the death of the King of France, to advise her as to the future government of her Kingdom of Scotland. [*Eliz.*, Vol. vi., No. 10 A.]

July 13. Partridge, a merchant of Woodbridge in Suffolk, to Queen Elizabeth. A complaint by a poor merchant to the Queen of Scotland. Her Majesty desires to send her escurye from France, through England, into Scotland. [*Eliz.*, Vol. vi., No. 49 A.]

July 15. Queen Elizabeth to Mary Queen of Scots. Duplicate of the letter described *ante*, Vol. vi., No. 50. [*Eliz.*, Vol. vi., No. 50 A.]

August 26. Thomas Randolph to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Arrival of the Queen of Scots at Leith. All men well received. The Protestants stout in defence of God's cause, and the papists nothing encouraged. The Queen's mass. A sermon by Mr. Knox. Religious matters to remain as they were. Arrival of the Bishops of St. Andrews and Dunkeld. The Lord James' credit with the Queen, and Lethington's. Bothwell not to come to Court on account of his difference with Arran. John Knox's thundering from the pulpit. The French dislodged from Dunbar. [*Eliz.*, Vol. vi., No. 61 A.]

Nov. 23. Queen Elizabeth to Mary Queen of Scots. Remonstrates on her delay in ratifying the treaty. Suggests that they should communicate confidentially by letters, rather than through the medium of Ambassadors, to avoid giving the world suspicion of any misunderstanding between them. [*Eliz.*, Vol. vi., No. 86 A.]

1562.

April 7. Thomas Randolph to [Sir Nicholas Throkmorton]. A present of knives. Proposed interview between the two Queens. Arran and Bothwell reconciled as Pilate and Herod were. Conspiracy against the Queen. Arran's desire to confess it. His father's [the Duke of Chatelherault's] threats. Bothwell's arrival at Court and imprisonment. Arran's pitiful madness. [*Eliz.*, Vol. vii., No. 32 A.]

Dec. ? Edinburgh. Thomas Randolph to Henry Kyllygrew. The trouble which the mischievous mass may bring them; jesting about it. The Duke [of Chatelherault] and his friends' absence from the court. The Border thieves. The ladies are merry, lopping, dancing, lusty, and fair. [*Eliz.*, Vol. vii., No. 93 A.]

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1562? “A Scottish letter,” containing suggestions for the union of the two kingdoms of England and Scotland, by the capture of Edinburgh and Leith by England, and the removal of the Queen; the appearance never having been so great of the union of the two countries as it is now, if the people be comportit with, for they were never, since the country was first inhabited, at the point at which they are now; for now they know clearly that they must come under the seignory of another Prince, and of a strange nation, which nation is far disagreeing from the nature of the people of Scotland. [Eliz., Vol. vii., No. 95.]

1563. June 4. List of some of the Acts passed in the Parliament of Scotland commenced this day. [Eliz. Vol. viii., No. 38 A.]

June 30. Marie de Bethune to Lady Throkmorton. Acknowledges the receipt of a ring, and will endeavour to return her love by making her commendations to the Queen, her sovereign lady and mistress. Sends her a little ring in return, which she has been accustomed to wear daily, as a token of their good love and amity. [Eliz., Vol. viii., 46 A.]

1564. Sept. 19. Anonymous to Thomas Randolph. Understanding that a Parliament is to be held in England, he sends this gentleman to let them understand their good mind in Scotland. If the offers made in England may be performed, they in Scotland will marry where England pleases, if it may stand with their honour. Fears that they shall not accept my Lord Robert D., because he has not come of a great old house, and that his blood has been once spotted; so another must be looked for without delay, or else necessity will compel them to marry where they may, for she would very fain have a man. If it be earnestly pressed they may take the Lord Darnley, otherwise it may not be. All the nobility are sent for except the Duke. The Secretary's wife is dead, and he is a suitor to Mary Fleming, who is as meet for him as the writer is to be a page! [Eliz. Vol. ix., No. 47 A.]

This letter is undoubtedly in the handwriting of William Kyrkcaldy, Laird of Grange. It is addressed also in his hand “A mon frère Mons. Randolph,” is written on paper which has the same water-mark as that used by Mr. Randolph in England and during his embassy in Scotland, and is sealed with the seal of Francis Russell, Earl of Bedford.

August 23. Earl of Murray to Frederick, Elector Palatine. Is glad that Edinburgh. Melville has kept up correspondence with him. Excuses himself for not having written before. Compliments the Elector for his renowned piety. Being himself almost beyond the bounds of the human race, he is content to be as far from the reprehension of men as he is remote from the celebrity of fame. Lat. [Eliz., Vol. ix., No. 47 B.]

1565. Feb. 3. “A memoryall concerning matters of Scotland, for Syr Nycolace Frogmartyne,” divided into two parts, one entitled “Ennemis at the departer of therle of Devenax from England yf the time may sive in Scotlande,” and “Fréndes hoped vpon at his departer.” [Eliz. Vol. x., No. 10 A.]

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March 31. Thomas Randolph to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. A tale about a game at tennis between the Duke's grace and my Lord of L. the Queen beholding them; of the Duke's complaint of my Lord Robert's being too saucy; and of the Queen's displeasure with his grace. What Bothwell said of both the Queens. This darling is so dandled that he [Randolph] fears they shall shew some part of their folly. [*Imperfect.*] [*Eliz.*, Vol. x., No. 31 A.]

April 23. Thomas Randolph to the Earl of Leycester. Lord Darnley's sickness. No attendance lacking of the greatest and fairest, if any help may be had that way for his malady. A priest taken at mass and tied three hours together, three several days, at the market cross of Edinburgh. The boys of the town broke so many eggs on him that he hardly escaped with his life. [*Eliz.*, Vol. x., No. 37 A.]

May 1. Determination by the Privy Council of England upon the marriage of the Queen of Scots, and against the Lord Darnley. [*Eliz.*, Vol. x. No. 40 A.]

July 18. Duke of Chatelherault, Earls of Argyle and Murray, to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Being assured of his favour towards their common action, and being impelled to crave the goodness of the Queen's Majesty, they request he will further their suits, and give credit to the bearer. [*Eliz.*, Vol. x., No. 80 A.]

Sept. 10. Francis Russell, Earl of Bedford, to the Privy Council of England. Being pressed by the Lords of the Congregation for some resolution, what shall be done for their aid, has sent up a wise and valiant soldier, Nicholas Arington, to communicate their condition to their lordships. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., 40 A.]

Sept. 12. The Queen to the Earl of Bedford. Will with all speed send him 3000*l.*, and if he shall find that the Earl of Murray is in much want of money he is to supply him with 1000*l.* as if by his own means in the most secret manner. [*Eliz.*, Vol xi., No. 41 A.]

Sept. 13. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. The bearer Mr. Robert Melvill is sent to the Court by the Lords of the Congregation. They will be ruined without they have help of money and men from the Queen. They are in want of shot. The Queen of Scots has made proclamation against "their old enemies," so went the words, who have taken part with her rebels. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 41 B.]

Sept. 19. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Thanks him for communicating the resolution relative to aid to be given to the Lords. Wishes for a firm peace with the Scots or an open war. The Queen's grant of aid to these noblemen will much advance God's honour and her own fame. The Earl of Morton, Lethington, Ruthven, and others will now join them. The Protestants are sore persecuted, and the Papists highly advanced by the Scottish Queen. Particulars of the imprisonment by her of divers noblemen and others. The countenance she shews to David, an Italian. Escape of Earl Bothwell with two small boats. Wilson shot at him. The Queen of Scots' intention to have sacked Dundee. The outrages committed against the English realm by the Scots. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 44 A.]

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Sept. 19. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. The companions of the Earl of Sutherland were known before the letters arrived. Distribution of the money, when it comes, to be made to the Earl of Murray, the Duke, and the other lords. The aid to them will much redound to God's glory and her Majesty's honour. Supply of warlike stores to be made to the Lords of the Congregation. Rigour lately shewn by the Queen of Scots to their friends in the imprisonment of many Protestants. Landing of Earl Bothwell two days since at Aymouth. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 44 B.]

Sept. 21. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Despatched yesternight certain letters from Mr. Randolph, giving intelligence of the coming of the bearer, Mr. David Chamber, Lord of the Session, and a councillor of the Scottish Queen. Letters received from Cecill through Mr. Arington. Arrival of Captain Cockburn, who is the old man he was, and hath not changed his vein. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 45 A.]

Sept. 25. Berwick Road. Anthony Jenkinson to the Earl of Bedford. Announces his arrival at Holy Island in one of the Queen's ships, called the Aid, in his way to the Frith. Means to lie off Holy Island and the mouth of the Frith, except otherwise forced by wind, as he is yet uncertain of the arrival of the Scottish Lords with their provision in Scotland. Begs he will inform him of the fact by spies or otherwise, and that he will acquaint the Privy Council with his arrival. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 50 A.]

Sept. 28. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to the Queen. The Borders are quiet, except some depredations committed by the Tyndale and Ryddisdale men. The Queen of Scots has appointed her subjects to attend her on the 1st of October to march against the Lords or take Hamilton Castle. The Lords need money, and he has sent them the 1,000*l.*; but they also desire a supply of men. Will carry into effect her Majesty's directions in this matter. Sent word to Lord Home that if he levied any power against the Lords, he, the Earl of Bedford, would enter his country with a force. Inquiry made by the Queen of Scots by letter relative to the above threat. He has also demanded why the Earl of Sutherland is stayed. Thanks her Majesty for favour to his daughter. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 51 A.]

Sept. 28. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Sends letters of the Lords of the Congregation and Earl of Murray demanding aid, and desires instructions thereon. The Queen of Scots is preparing her subjects to proceed against them on 1st October. He has ordered 300 men to remain at Carlisle till called for by the Lords, and has sent them 1,000*l.* Has lent the Earl of Murray 150*l.* of his own money. The borders of both realms are quiet, save the Tyndale and Ryddisdale men. Many of the Elwoods at the devotion of the Warden of the Middle Marches; some have gone over to Earl Bothwell, who is now one of the Queen of Scots' chief councillors, with Atholl and Ruthven. Arrival of Anthony Jenkinson in the Queen's ship Aid. The Countess of Murray, who is pregnant and has been driven to and fro, is now expected at Berwick. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 51 B.]

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Oct. 1.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has sent him letters of the Lords of the Congregation, by which their distress and danger will be perceived. Has advised them to retire into England, as the Queen of Scots will shortly attack them with her force. Proposes that he should protect them and perform some exploit on the Scottish Border, as to take Aymouth. Hopes their Lordships (of the Council) have concluded some good resolution for their aid. Lord Home commanded to wait on the Queen of Scots, who sets forward in eight days. [*Eliz. Vol. xi., No. 57 A.*]

Oct. 2.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. He will see by Mr. Randolph's letter enclosed that he apprehends being put in confinement by the Scottish Court, if so the Earl proposes to stay David Chamber, the Ambassador, on his return thither. The matter of Aymouth is secretly kept, but the Scots appear to be preparing for war. Weakness of the garrison of Berwick. The Queen of Scots is reported to have made the Earl Bothwell Lieutenant-General of her army. [*Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 57 B.*]

Oct. 5.
Alnwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has sent as much money to the Lords of the Congregation as the Queen has directed. Captain Brickwell has in return brought him their hearty thanks. The Earl of Murray most courteous and friendly. The Duke spoke slightly and indiscreetly. England is the last anchor-hold of the Earl of Murray. The Lyddisdale men, the Elwoods, hold out well for the English side. The Master of Maxwell is not to be depended on. [*Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 60 A.*]

Oct. 6.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Wrote to him on Thursday of the state of the Lords of the Congregation, who despair of help. Has determined to set forward for Carlisle within three days, with 300 or 400 horse to give countenance to the Lords. Sends a letter of Mr. Randolph, which will declare the whole state of the Scottish realm. [*Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 60 B.*]

Oct. 6.
Berwick.

Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Bedford. Directs him in the aid and protection he may give to the Lords of the Congregation not to commit any act of hostility, whereby peace shall be manifestly broken between the two realms. [*Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 60 C.*]

Oct. 6.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to the Earl of Leycester. Wrote two days since to his Lordship, stating the desperate condition of the Lords of the Congregation. Hopes that the Queen has devised something for their support. Being importunately called on by them for aid he purposes within two days to go towards Carlisle. [*Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 60 D.*]

Oct. 7.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has received his letter by Mr. Melvill. Is sorry that things have no better nor speedier success. Pities the condition of the Lords; means to go towards them to-morrow to countenance their cause, and to take some force with him. The Borders are quiet. [*Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 61 A.*]

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Oct. 7. Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. All things on the Borders are quiet. Will do nothing to break the peace. Understands her Majesty's pleasure touching the Lords and will observe it. Is desired by the Earl of Murray to go to Carlisle to speak with him, which he means to do. [Eliz. Vol. xi., No. 61 B.]

Oct. 9. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Received the Queen's letters, being as far as Alnwick on his way towards Carlisle. Means nothing more than to give the Lords of the Congregation countenance by going to Carlisle, and none of his men shall enter Scotland. Begs to know if it be the Queen's pleasure that he should keep the days of truce. [Eliz. Vol. xi., No. 63 A.]

Oct. 13. Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. Received her letters of the 3rd of the present month at Alnwick. Nothing has occurred contrary to the maintenance of peace in the realm. Trusts his coming to Carlisle has not occasioned anything contrary to the Queen's meaning in the letters concerning the breach of peace. Hopes her Majesty will consider the undutiful deportment of Lord Darnley. [Eliz. Vol. xi., No. 65 A.]

Oct. 13. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has taken the musters long since, as he conveniently could. Trusts his coming to Carlisle has not occasioned any breach of peace. Fears the Scots will break the peace, and wishes they on the English side were provided against it. Desires to know her Majesty's pleasure as to receiving the proclamation of Lord Darnley as King. The Queen of Scots is at Dumfries with 6,000 men. [Eliz. Vol. xi., No. 65 B.]

Oct. 14. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Made a despatch to him yesterday. The Queen of Scots is still at Dumfries. The Master of Maxwell has repaired to her, and his lands, goods, and offices have been restored to him. The Lords and the rest go to Newcastle to remain there, as Berwick is not a fit place for them to abide at. [Eliz. Vol. xi., No. 65 C.]

Oct. 16. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Jenkinson is said to have taken Wilson, notwithstanding that he was directed not to do so, considering the service with which he was charged of transporting the Countess of Murray to Berwick. The Lords will be that night at Newcastle. Certain soldiers of the new supplies from Yorkshire who were going towards Scotland have been punished. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 67 A.]

Oct. 17. Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. The Lords of Scotland are now at Newcastle, where they purpose to remain for the present. They continue firm in following up the action they have in hand. The Queen of Scots' displeasure towards them increases, in consequence of their taking refuge in England. They purpose to send the Earl of Murray to her Majesty [Elizabeth] and cannot be dissuaded from that resolution. The Borders of the realm are in peace and quiet. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 67 B.]

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Oct. 17. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Thanks him for letters containing intimation of some good hope for the Lords. They are all arrived at Newcastle. Begs to know the Queen of England's resolution with respect to them. They are about to send the Earl of Murray to her. Jenkinson has departed, having taken Wilson, and thus the Countess of Murray will be disappointed of her transportation. [Eliz. Vol. xi., No. 67 C.]

Oct. 18.
Newcastle.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Prays him to show favour to the Abbot of Kilwynning, of the Duke's house in Scotland, and his near kinsman, and to the cause for which he is coming to the Court of England. [Eliz. Vol. xi. No. 69 A.]

Oct. 19.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Sends him letters of importance, just received. Has left all the Lords at Newcastle there to remain, except the Earl of Murray, who will be with him [Cecill] before he gets this letter. The Queen of Scots has returned to Edinburgh, and her force is dispersed. She has left behind her 300 or 400 men on the Borders, for purposes unknown. Recommends that Lord Gray of Scotland, and Sir Andrew Carr, be called in upon their bonds. The Borders are quiet. Are they to hold the days of truce in Darnley's name, as King? Jenkinson's misdemeanor must be remembered, on account of the danger in which he placed the Countess of Murray by his conduct. Certain soldiers have been conspiring to go into Scotland, and some of them must be executed for example's sake. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 69 B.]

Oct. 20.

Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Bedford. Hears by his letters of the intention of the Earl of Murray to repair to her presence. She has often written in plain terms, that it is not her intention to give such aid to the Lords as shall break the peace with the Scots; and thinks it strange that the Earl of Murray should persevere in coming to the Court, being warned and advised to the contrary. He [Bedford] is therefore to prevent the Earl's coming, if he can still do so. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 70 A.]

Oct. 20.

Privy Council of England to the Earl of Murray. The Queen is advertised by letters from the Earl of Bedford, of his intention of coming to the Court; and desires that her plain resolution may be signified, that he should forbear to come at the present time, till further consideration be had in the matter. [With the preceding.]

Oct. 23.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Stormy weather has swelled the waters, and delayed the letters enclosed from Lord Scrope. They shew the endeavours made to recall the Duke, and offer him such pardon as Maxwell has received. Earl Bothwell at Dumfries, to watch the proceedings of Maxwell. Prays him to favour the Earl of Murray and the common cause. Two Captains of the Queen of Scots, Lords Home and Ruthven, have been at Aymouth. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 73 A.]

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Oct. 25. Wark. Edward Woode to _____. Is informed by a Scottish Gentleman that the Queen of Scots is preparing to take Aymouth. Ruthven and Huntly have sent five thousand Highlanders to the capture of the same; fifty hagbutteers are come to Home, and two hundred will go to Kelso. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 74 A.]

Oct. 26. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. Has received her Majesty's letters of the 20th, and is grieved at her displeasure respecting the coming of the Earl of Murray to the Court; he had no authority to stay him, nor the Lords of the Congregation now within the English Border, if they should desire to return. Begs to know her pleasure on that matter; also whether the days of truce may be held in Lord Darnley's name or not. No peace can be preserved without the days of truce be kept. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 74 B.]

Oct. 26. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has received the Queen's letters of the 20th, expressing her displeasure at the Earl of Murray's coming to the Court. Shews that he had no power to restrain him, being commanded to receive the Lords of the Congregation as friends. Resolution necessary respecting the Lyddisdale men, who, if lost, will join Bothwell. Bothwell lies with a force on the West Borders, and often reconnoitres Aymouth. Is sorry for the conduct of Wilson. Packet received from Mr. Randolph. The Queen of Scots lately heard mass in an open manner. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 74 C.]

Oct. 29. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has been expecting his answer relative to the Earl of Murray. The Duke and Lords continue where they were placed. The Duke has been sick. The attempt on Aymouth by the Queen of Scots is talked of. She expects aid of men and money from the King of Spain. Report of the musters shall be sent. Proclamation made by Andrew Rympeilt [who took the Earl of Huntley] for men on horseback and foot, to serve the King and Queen of Scots. Desires instructions how to proceed against persons attempting to go into Scotland. The Earl of Sutherland craves to have his liberty. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 74 D.]

Oct. 29. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Bedford. Application having been made to her by the Duke of Chatelherault and others to send some of their servants to and from their friends in Scotland, the Earl is informed that she is well pleased to permit the same. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 74 E.]

Oct. 31. Alnwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. The Queen of Scots cannot yet perfect her measures for the taking of Aymouth. Capt. Cockburn can declare to him the state of things in Scotland, what Trumbull the prophecier saith there, and what the Queen of Scots saith of his prophecies. The Captain can also shew him in what and how great favour David the Italian is. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 79 A.]

Nov. 1. Newcastle. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Hopes his letter by Capt. Cockburn has come to hand. The Duke of Chatelherault is very sick. The Lords remain constant to the common cause. The Earl

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of Argyll has rejected the offer of pardon and favour by the Queen of Scots. The Earl of Buchan and Lord Boyd wholly depend on the Earl of Murray. Pay of the garrison at Berwick wanted. Requests to know the punishment of persons attempting to fly into Scotland. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 80 A.]

Nov. 2.
Newcastle.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Letters from the Queen, and for the Queen of Scots, received. Hopes a good end to matters for the glory of God, her Majesty's honour, and the safety of those poor nobles who attend God's pleasure for their help. Is now going homeward to Berwick. A French messenger has passed with the Queen's passport, but no letters. All is quiet and well at Berwick. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 80 B.]

Nov. 5.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. Has long desired her Majesty's resolution relative to the Earl of Murray. Understands that she determines that the Lords [of the Congregation] should do the best they can for themselves. Fears that peace with Scotland will not be maintained, notwithstanding her Majesty's wish. Desires to know her pleasure, if the days of truce shall be allowed to be held in Darnley's name; and requests her resolution relative to the Earl of Sutherland. Her Majesty's charges are great by reason of the new supply of 1,500 men. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 80 C.]

Nov. 5.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Sends a packet from Mr. Randolph. The Lords at Newcastle are very perplexed and dispirited on hearing the Queen's determination not to afford them aid otherwise than by intercession. The Queen of Scots is said to have dismissed some of her force. A report of an intended attack on Aymouth is still current. The Earl of Argyll has achieved great matters in the lands of Atholl and Bothwell. Proclamation by the Queen of Scots, forbidding supplies being brought to Berwick market on pain of death. Desires to know if the days of truce shall be held in Darnley's name or not. The Queen of Scots is thought to be breeding of child. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 80 D.]

Nov. 5.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to the Earl of Leycester. Disappointment of the Lords by the Queen's resolution not to give them aid. They have now no other help than God. Peace is not likely to be maintained with the Scots. The Queen of Scots has sent some men against the Earl of Argyll, who has committed spoil on the houses of Atholl and Bothwell. Desires to hear of the Earl of Warwick's marriage. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 80 E.]

Nov. 8.
Edinburgh.

Thomas Randolph to the Earl of Leycester. Discontent that the Scottish nobles in England receive no help from her Majesty. There is no more mortal enemy to her Majesty living than this woman. Lord Leycester is reported to be the only one of the Council that favours the Lords. If they are undone, the Queen will lose the goodwill of all the best in Scotland. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 84 A.]

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Nov. 10. Earl of Bedford to the Earl of Leycester. God send them good
Perwick. Commissioners, and then things will frame well enough. Sorry to
hear how hardly the Earl of Murray was handled at the English
Court, having a very evil welcome and a worse face. The Lords at
Newcastle are stricken dead with sorrow. God send my Lord of
Murray better comfort than the world giveth him, for surely, good
gentleman, his case is to be pitied. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 84 B.]

Nov. 12. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Sees, by his letters re-
ceived, his sorrow for the Lords and their common cause. Being
abandoned by friends they must turn to God. Fears the Queen
disapproves of his [Bedford's] acts, especially since he received her
letter reproving him for the coming up of the Earl of Murray.
Desires to know on what terms he stands with the Queen. Spoil
committed by Earl Bothwell's rank riders on the Scots who supply
the market at Berwick with flesh and fish. Hears of the coming
of Valentine Browne with money, but not a full pay for the
Garrison of Berwick. Reminds him of the arrears due to them.
Desires to know what is resolved respecting the Earl of Sutherland
and John Gower his kinsman; also relative to fugitives attempting
to pass into Scotland. The Scots of Teviottdale are encouraged by
Bothwell to commit disorders. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 84 C.]

Nov. 23. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Proclamation made at
Berwick. Edinburgh, forbidding any Scot to go to Berwick, or Englishman
from thence to enter Scotland, without safe conduct, on pain of death.
The 600 foot and 100 horse shall be "cassed" according to the
Queen's orders. The above proclamation has been made at Dunse,
a town of the March as well as at Edinburgh. [Eliz., Vol. xi.,
No. 88 A.]

Nov. 26. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Forwards a packet.
Newcastle. The Scottish Lords remain at great charge at Newcastle. Prays
him to remember the continuance of the 300 men at Berwick.
The Scottish Lords are desirous of the mediation of the Queen's
Commissioners for their restitution. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 91 A.]

Nov. 29. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Recommends the pitiable
Berwick. case of the Earl of Sutherland to his consideration and favour. The
Parliament in Scotland is about to be convened, and a good oppor-
tunity will be lost if the Earl of Sutherland be absent. [Eliz.,
Vol. xi., No. 91 B.]

Nov. 29. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Hears, by his letters, of the
Berwick. preparation for the Commissioners repairing to Scotland. Has re-
ceived a safe conduct, for persons authorized under the Queen's
Commission, to repair to Scotland, to treat on matters depending.
The Abbot of Kilwinning who went on the Duke's account to the
Scottish Court has had no audience. The discharge of the 600 foot
and 100 horse of the Berwick garrison is accomplished. The
bearer, Stephen Wilson, is the rankest Papist and most errant knave
in Scotland. His mission is from the Queen of Scots to treat for
the liberation of the Earl of Sutherland. [Eliz., Vol. xi., No. 91 C.]

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Dec. 1. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has signified the reception of the safe conduct for the Commissioners. Neither the Abbot of Kilwynning nor Robert Melvill have had an audience [of the Queen of Scots]. Wishes the Commissioners were arrived and the treaty concluded. Liddesdale men to be kept from the influence of Earl Bothwell. They are most of them Elwoods and notorious thieves. Day of truce held. Five or six of the garrison of Berwick captured by the Scots. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 91 *D.*]

Dec. 16. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Mr. Randolph will declare why the answer long looked for has not been returned. The Queen [of Scots] is sick and has come that night to Edinburgh. Wishes the Commissioners were arrived. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 101 *A.*]

Dec. 20. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Is glad of her Majesty's approval of his late doings in revenge of outrages committed by the Scots. Return of his messenger from the Scottish Court. Can obtain no redress for the attemptes perpetrated by the Scots. The case of the Earl of Murray more perplexed. Lord Darnley follows his pleasures more than the Queen is content withal, and there is misliking between them. Gentleman Porter's place void. Ralph Selby taken prisoner by the Scots. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xi., No. 101. *B.*]

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Jan. 4. Berwick. Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. The bearer, as he understands, is sent by the Queen of Scots to make heavy complaint against him. Trusts his doings have been in no point beyond her Majesty's commission. The message also touches Mr. Randolph. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii.]

Jan. 10. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Bedford. Grievous complaint made by letters of the Queen of Scots of hostility committed by subjects of the English realm, under his Lordship's charge, entering Scotland and committing great spoil and slaughter. Sends copies of the said letters and her answer to the same. Requires him to make a plain and full declaration of the whole matter and circumstances relating to the above complaint. The Queen of Scots is remiss and cold in the proposed measure of Commissioners to be sent to her Court, nevertheless, in order to do good to the Earl of Murray, the Queen has appointed Sir Thomas Foster and himself [Bedford] to attend on that service. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 3 *A.*]

Jan. 16. Newcastle. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has communicated to the Earl of Murray the Queen's friendly intentions towards him in appointing him [the Earl of Bedford] and Sir John Foster as Commissioners at the Scottish Court. Has received the Queen's letters, confirming that nomination; is glad of her Majesty's good acceptance of his service. Wishes some one to be especially sent from the Court to be joined in the above Commission. The Duke is about to depart, and desires to go by sea. Drowned men found with Popish writings about them, who have not been indentified. The Earl of Murray is at great charges, and it were good that her Majesty sent something to him. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 4 *A.*]

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Jan. 28.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to the Earl of Leycester. The Earl of Murray has become an humble suitor to the Queen for the enlargement and sending home of the Earl of Sutherland. Requests his Lordship to forward the Earl of Sutherland's suit as much as may be within his power. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 5 A.]

Jan. 28.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Requests him to forward the suit of the Earl of Murray to the Queen for the enlargement of the Earl of Sutherland. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 5 B.]

Jan. 29.
Berwick.

Thomas Randolph to the Earl of Leycester. Return of Mr. James Thornton, full of mischief. Return of Mr. George Buchanan also. The Queen of Scotland's faction reputed to be increasing greatly. For this the writer commends them, for so they shall have religion overthrown, their country torn in pieces, and never an honest man left alive that is good or godly. Woe for them when David's son shall be King of England. Fears it is true that the Queen is with child; so at least saith the Abbot, who hath made great diligence to know the truth. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 6 A.]

Feb. 8.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to the Earl of Leycester. The proceedings in the Scottish Parliament tend chiefly to the overthrow of these good Lords and the confiscation of their goods. Popery seems to be lifting up its head in Scotland. The Queen and Lord Darnley carried the candles on Candlemas day. Masses said. Murray driven to sell his plate. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 9 A.]

Feb. 9.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Wrote to him yesterday, at length, and received the inclosed, by which he will perceive the state of things in Scotland. Intercession of the Ambassador [of the Court of France] with the Queen of Scots for the Lords of the Congregation will be of no avail. If the Queen of England do not, from policy, help the Protestant cause in Scotland, she will not have a friend left in that kingdom. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 9 B.]

Feb. 17.
Alnwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Departure of the Duke of Chatelherault towards the Court of Scotland. Looks daily to receive the answer of the Queen of Scots, from whom M. Rambouillet brought him a gentle message. Has a letter from her touching the liberation of the Earl of Sutherland, who will be set at liberty next Tuesday. Requests that the sending of the Commissioners may be expedited. A new Pope. The liberation of the Earl of Sutherland obtained by the Earl of Murray. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 16 A.]

Feb. 21.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. The Earl of Sutherland has now departed. According to the effect of the Queen's letters Randolph is commanded to depart the Scottish realm. The Queen of Scots will not change Bothwell for any other on the Commission. The Lords' case may now be despaired of, especially any good for the Earl of Murray, as matters stand between the Earl and Bothwell. Sends a book very adverse to the Popish religion, set forth by the Congregation, at which the Queen of Scots is much offended. The Earl of Glencairn is fully bent to return to Scotland. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xii., No. 18 A.]

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Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Discharge of Mr. Randolph, and order that he shall quit the realm of Scotland. Encouragement will be given to thieves and marauders by this measure, which must become known to them. The Earl of Glencairn has departed, having had no success in his application to the Queen of Scots. Argyll is advancing towards the Earl of Lennox with 3,000 or 4,000 men, whose country he purposed to ravage. Great dissension between the Queen and her husband. Coming of the Earl of Sutherland. The recall of Mr. Randolph will render certain gifts necessary to obtain intelligence. Distribution of the 3,000*l.* Arrest of William Seres, a Scotchman. Thanks for wardships bestowed on two of his kinsmen: [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 18 B.] *Incloses,*

*Receipt by James Stewart, Earl of Murray, for 1,000*l.*, received of the Earl of Bedford, to be employed by the nobility of Scotland for maintenance of true religion and the Scottish Commonwealth. Witnessed by Sir John Maxwell, Lord Warden of the West Marches of Scotland, Sir William Kyrkcaldy, of Grange, and others.*

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*Receipt by Roger Mainwaring and another for 1,800*l.*, brought from London by Henry Lilgrave, to be employed about the Queen's affairs according to the direction of the Earl of Bedford.* November 27, 1565.

Feb. 28.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has heard nothing out of Scotland since his last. Things grow daily worse for the reformation in religion. The Earl of Argyll goes no further than Lennox's country, where he will do all the mischief he can. Pay wanted for the establishment at Berwick. Has deferred a meeting appointed with Lord Home and the Laird of Cessford. Has heard some inkling of things likely enough to come to pass in Scotland, of which he cannot write now, but will hereafter, when he hears farther. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 23 A.]

Feb. 28.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. The bearer, David Anstruther, has been recommended by the Scottish Queen to have a passport into France on his affairs. He is accounted to be a Papist. Had begun another letter before his arrival. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 23 B.]

March 8.
Berwick.

The Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Received the letter from the Queen to be forwarded to the Queen of Scots, with copy thereof, which has been perused by Mr. Randolph and himself, and shall be returned. The Earl of Murray is about to enter Scotland. Purposes to send up the Scotchman, Seres, under good care. Thanks for the pay remitted. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 30 A.]

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March 16. Earl of Bedford to the Queen. Has received her letter directing that 300*l.*, part of the 3,000*l.* sent, should be secretly paid to the Earl of Murray towards his charges while at Newcastle. Informs her Majesty that the Earl had departed before her order arrived. He has, however, but 200*l.*, of the 3,000*l.*, in hand. Gives particulars how the money has been disbursed. The news and affairs of Scotland have been communicated to her Secretary. [Eliz., Vol. xii, No. 38 A.]

March 16. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Has received his letter of the 8th. Her Majesty's error in supposing that he had 300*l.* left in hand which might be paid to the Earl of Murray. The copies of receipts already sent shew that he had paid 1,000*l.* to the Earl of Murray, and 800*l.* to the ministers of Valentine Browne. Departure of the Earl of Murray into Scotland before the receipt of the Queen's letters. David's [Riccio's] death is undoubtedly true, but other matters are doubtful, as will be seen by the Earl of Murray's letters to the Queen, Lord Leycester, and himself [Cecill]. Thanks for friendly communications concerning the Earl of Leycester. The Queen's letters have been forwarded to the Queen of Scots. [Eliz., Vol. xii, No. 38 B.]

March 18. Earl of Bedford to Queen Elizabeth. Has by his last informed her that he has in hand but 200*l.* left of the 3,000*l.* sent, which he shall disburse as she may direct. The bearer brings answer to her Majesty's letter to the Queen of Scots, and another from the Queen of Scots to Robert Melvill her servant. He will also bring her Majesty's letter to the Queen of Scots in favour of the Earl of Murray, which has not been sent. No news since his last. [Eliz., Vol. xii, No. 38 C.]

March 18. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. The bearer has carried the Queen's letter to the Queen of Scots and brought the answer. He brings a letter from the Queen of Scots to Robert Melvill. There is little news. Argyll is not come. Proclamation by the Queen of Scots for all men to assemble to go against the Lords. Desires to repair to the Court. Has no desire to deny the Lords refuge if they should require it. Recommends the bearer, Captain Carew, to his favour. [Eliz., Vol. xii, No. 38 D.]

March 21. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Lord Ruthven has come to Berwick for safety in a weak condition, and keeps his bed. Has received him according to the ancient order in similar cases. The Earl of Murray is gone to Carlisle, thence towards Newcastle. Lord Lindsay and the Laird of Lethington are both gone to the Earl of Atholl. The Earl of Argyll, Glencairn, and Rothes have received their "dress." The Earl of Murray, the Lairds of Grange, and Patarro, and the tutor of Pitcairn, have refused similar terms. The King remains an enemy to the Lords. Desires to know the Queen's pleasure concerning the benevolence to the Earl of Murray. [Eliz., Vol. xii, No. 40 A.]

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March 27. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Received his letter of the 20th instant. Mr. Randolph and he have already written particulars of the state of Scotland. The Earl of Morton and Lord Ruthven remain at Berwick. The Queen of Scots is incensed against them, and seeks all ways to wreck them. Desires licence to repair to the Court. The Earl of Murray has requested him to ask Sir William Cecil to befriend the Lords of the Congregation. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 41 A.]

March 27. Earl of Bedford to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The slaughter of David [Riccio], and the doings in Scotland are true. The Earl of Morton and Lord Ruthven are come to Berwick, and more will come shortly, for the Queen of Scots seeks great extremities against them. Begs that he will move my Lord of Leycester to stand good friend to these two Lords, for they are both honourable and wise. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 40 B.]

April 2. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Bedford. He may repair to the Court to be present at St. George's feast, provided he can, with convenience to the service, be absent from his charge. The Earl of Morton and Lord Ruthven, who have come to Berwick to avoid persecution, may remain under protection of the realm until further order be therein taken, but they can in no wise be permitted to remain within the town of Berwick or upon the frontier. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 45 A.]

April 2. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Report that the French King is dead. The Queen of Scots in the Castle at Edinburgh. The Earl of Murray said to be called for to the Court. The Earls of Atholl and Bothwell have disagreed about Lethington's matter. The Earl of Morton and Lord Ruthven are both at Berwick. Lord Ruthven very sick. Captain Carew expected. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 45 B.]

April 4. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Understands that one Thornton, a Queen of Scots' man, late secretary to the Bishop of Glasgow, who has been at Rome, is despatched to the Queen [Elizabeth] and so into France. The Queen of Scots has caused execution to be made on one Tom Scot, a gentleman much trusted by Lord Ruthven. Lethington has no hope of being admitted to reconciliation, and must therefore flee to Berwick for safety. The Queen of Scots has solemnly, with all the old wonted toys, placed a nun in the Abbey of Haddington. The Queen is certainly with child, and means to bid the Queen's Majesty to be gossip. The Laird of Grange is restored to favour, who is a very honest constant man, and the Earl of Murray is expected at the Court. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 48 A.]

April 5. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil. Received his letter by the Laird of Barnbougall. Perceives his coming up is not granted. The Lords desire to understand the Queen's pleasure and indulgence towards them as to their stay at Berwick. Desires hearty commendations to the Earl of Leycester. The bearer is James Thornton, of whom he has before written. [Eliz. Vol. xii., No. 48 B.]

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April 12. Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Received his letter advertising him of the coming of Mauvissière, and of the Queen's good acceptation of the Lords, putting their action, and the cause of the same, in writing, for which they humbly thank her. Thanks him for good offices about his leave of absence; is now come to Boroughbridge, and to-morrow proceeds to York. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 49 A.]

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Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Bedford. Has heard by Drury Marshall of Berwick, that a gentleman of the Queen of Scots is desirous of making communications tending to her [Queen Elizabeth's] advantage; he is therefore to devise some secret means of speaking with the gentleman, or of communicating with him by a trustworthy person. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 94 A.]

Aug. 9.
Berwick.

The Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. The bearer, Mons. Mauvissière, can declare the news from the North. He says the King and Queen of Scots have lain together within these two nights. Mauvissière has interceded earnestly for the Lords. He can report the condition of the Earl of Bedford's health. Mauvissière desires licence to ship two horses for France. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 94 A.]

Aug. 15.
Berwick.

Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecill. Incloses a paper of intelligence from Scotland, supplied by a friend. Is of the same opinion, that the Queen of Scots favours the Earl of Murray. Sends a letter from Mr. Semple complaining that the request he made from the Queen has not been complied with. Is about to proceed southward to Lady Rutland. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 99 A.] Incloses,

A paper, headed "Out of Scotland," containing information as to the deportment of the Queen of Scots towards her husband Darnley and the Earl of Murray. Dissension between Earls Murray and Bothwell. The Queen's intention of carrying the young Prince to Stirling. Execution of a servant of Lord Ruthven's. Money sent to Scotland by the Pope. Particulars of a letter from the man he [Bedford] knows of, containing one to the Queen of Scots. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 99 A.]

Mr. Semple to the Earl of Bedford. Appeals to the Queen's promise and honour for recompensing certain services which he believes he has rendered her. [Eliz., Vol. xii., No. 99 A².]

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Duplicate copy of the process of the trial and acquittal of the Earl Bothwell for the murder of Henry Lord Darnley, King of Scotland. [Eliz., Vol. xiii., No. 28 A.]

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May 10. Mr. Robert Melvill to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Particulars of Cairney in Fife, the assize of the Earl Bothwell for the murder of the King, and of his acquittal. Bothwell's subsequent seizure of the Queen's person between Linlithgow and Edinburgh; Huntly, Lethington, and others being taken prisoners. Assembly of nobles to effect the Queen's liberation. Help required of the Queen of England to suppress the murderers. Bothwell's power. Effect of Queen Elizabeth's former cold treatment of the Earl of Murray. Offers of help from France. The lords' letter to Queen Mary was taken in evil part, and received a sharp answer. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xiii., No. 43 A.]

June 15. Copy of the bond of association entered into by the nobility of Edinburgh. Scotland for prosecuting the Earl Bothwell for the murder of Lord Darnley. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xiii., No. 63 A.]

June 17. Another copy of a letter already described [Vol. xiii., No. 65] from the Earl of Huntly and others to the Bishop of Glasgow, the Edinburgh. Scottish Ambassador in France, reporting the proceedings of certain Scottish lords against Queen Mary, and her detention at Lochleven; and requesting the King of France's help and favour towards their sovereign and themselves. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xiii., No. 65 A.]

June 30. Queen Elizabeth to the Lords of the Privy Council of Scotland. Richmond. Having had sundry intelligences of great inward troubles lately happened there, much to her grief and displeasure, has sent this bearer, Sir Nicholas Throkmorton, addressed to the Queen of Scots and to themselves. Request, therefore, that they will permit him to resort to the Queen, and that they will also hear him themselves. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xiii., No. 82 A.]

June 30. The exceptions taken to the first process, and acquittal of James Edinburgh. Earl of Bothwell, with a declaration of matters whereon he is to be charged again and tried, together with his accomplices, promulgated by the Council of Scotland in the name of the Queen. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xiii., No. 83 A.]

July 7. The Earl of Leycester to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. In reply to Richmond. certain statements that the Earl of Murray had practised with the Queen of England against the Queen of Scots, and that he should burden her as the cause, and privy to, the death of her husband, and that he offered to effect the delivery of the Prince out of her hands. Desires that the Queen of Scots may be informed that as he [Leycester] bears faith to God and his Prince, he never heard, directly or indirectly, any such words, or any kind of unreverent words, pass my Lord of Murray's mouth towards the Queen his sovereign; but that he has always thought, and now verily believes, that my Lord of Murray will show himself a most faithful servant and subject to her Majesty. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xiv., No. 11 A.]

July 8. William Maitland, Laird of Lethington, to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Greetings on his mission to Scotland; doubts not its Edinburgh. success. Will meet him near Coldingham on Friday, and so conduct him to Fastcastle. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xiv., No. 14 A.]

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1567. July 8. Earl of Leycester to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The bearer will inform him of the estate of my Lord of Murray, who will be there [in England] in eight days. Her Majesty is not satisfied touching Queen Mary's imprisonment, and somewhat offended that Sir Nicholas made no more haste on his journey, but he must cause things to remain in good stay till Murray's arrival. Her Majesty marvels much that since Queen Mary hath been in the lords' hands she hath never been advertised of their intentions and proceedings, especially that in Lethington's letter there was no word of the matter. How convenient now were thorough dealing; and some sufficient men should be sent to England to resolve doubts, and not for them to work upon reports or uncertain advertisements. Her Majesty cannot by any possibility be won to forward the prosecution of the King's murderers, unless there be some appearance of the Queen's surety. Lethington, when he writes next, may write the substance of the matter to Mr. Secretary. Would God that Lethington had been in England or with Murray, but now he must do the best he can where he is. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 14 B.]

July 14. Edinburgh. Sir Nicholas Throkmorton to Queen Elizabeth. Draft of the letter described, Vol. xiv., No. 19. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 19 A.]

[July 18.] Copy of the letter of Sir Nicholas Throkmorton to Queen Elizabeth, described ante, Vol. xiv., No. 23. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 23 A.]

July 22. Earl of Leycester to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Notwithstanding any matter contained in his letter, her Majesty sees no reason to alter her former orders, and he must bear in mind her own instructions. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 31 A.]

July 22. Earl of Leycester to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. In his other letter he wrote as her Majesty commanded. Though his [Throkmorton's] letter was of effect enough to have moved her, yet she is so resolved as nothing can turn her. She thinks that the Lords may be persuaded to set the Queen at liberty, and then prosecute her cause against Bothwell. Knows not what advice to give him, except plainly to signify the lords' intentions, for he can do no good, but hinder himself, to give any advice that may sound anything against the Queen of Scots. If he finds any intention to deprive the Queen, or to destroy her, he must come away. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 31 B.]

July 23. Earl of Leycester to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. His letters well received. It would have grieved him to have seen the passion which was wrought by the little ticket inclosed. The Queen, although she misliketh, and is offended with, the fact and desert of the party as much as any, yet seeing and imagining the extremity and misery they be in, with the fear of danger of life, then nature shows herself most abundantly. He cannot do more acceptable service than by looking to their [Queen Mary's and the Prince's] safety. My Lord of Murray, he thanks God, has arrived, and with him the Queen will do all that may be. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 31 C.]

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July 23. Sir Nicholæ Throkmorton to Queen Elizabeth. Conference of the Lords about the Queen of Scots. Their resolution to send Lord Lindsay and Robert Melvill to her, to state their reasons for requiring her to give up the government of the kingdom. Proposed coronation of the Prince and establishment of a government, and then they would endeavour to save both her life and her honour. Violent means to be taken for her overthrow, in case she refuses their demands. Departure of Lindsay and Melvill to Lochleven. Instruments taken by them for the Queen's signature. Proposed regency of Murray. A gathering by Argyll; a summons to him from the Lords. Proposed establishment of religion by some effectual decree, and abolition of Papistry and Mass saying. The murderers of the late King to be prosecuted. Crimes to be charged against the Queen if she refuse consent to the Lords' conditions: tyranny; incontinency; murder; proofs of the two latter charges. An interview between himself and the Lords at the Tolbooth. Execution of his instructions from her Majesty. Lethington's reply. [Eliz., Vol. xiv. No. 31 D.]

July 24. Archbishop of St. Andrews and Abbot of Arbroath to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The original of the inclosure described at Vol. xiv. No. 36¹. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 34 A.]

July 28. Sir Nicholæ Throkmorton to Mary Queen of Scots. Cannot obtain the Lords' permission to have access to her. Assures her of the Queen of England's anxiety to relieve her out of her calamity and peril, which he finds are greater than his sovereign suspects. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 39 A.]

July 29. Oath administered to James VI. King of Scotland at his Coronation. Indorsed "Th' othe mynistred to the Kynge and th' Earle of Murray." [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 40 A.]

July 30. William Maitland, Laird of Lethington, to Sir Nicholæ Throkmorton. Sends copies of commissions and the proclamation. A protestation made by Alexander Hamilton that the coronation of the Prince should not prejudge the title of the Duke of Chatelherault. The Lords have written to the Laird of Ormiston to convey him [Throkmorton] safely to Berwick. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 41 A.]

July 31. Draft of the latter part of the Letter from Sir Nicholæ Throkmorton to Queen Elizabeth, described Vol. xiv., No. 43, sending information of the coronation of the Prince [King James VI.] of Scotland. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 43 A.]

August 4. Francis Earl of Bedford to Sir Nicholæ Throkmorton. By some letters he perceives that her Majesty conceives a marvellous opinion of him, of too much affection to the Lords, and that he works all against the Scottish Queen. Has done nothing otherwise than as he has been directed by her Majesty, but in good will and wishing the Lords well he cannot say but he has favoured them and their action, because he sees it is good and honourable, and, contrariwise, that Queen Mary's doings are abominable and to be detested. The Earl of Murray is expected immediately. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 45 A.]

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Aug. 4. Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Sees which party is likely to prevail in England. Marvels that they [in England] strive against the stream and trouble themselves with unnecessary quarrels. Very displeasing state of affairs at the English Court. The Earl of Murray on his way to Scotland ; his wisdom, zeal in religion, and good affection to the amity ; his willingness to accept the government. The tempest will not cease till Bothwell be put down. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 45 B.]

August 6. Earl of Leycester to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The Queen's pleasure for his return from Scotland. Before he departs he is to find means to talk to my Lord of Murray, and to feel his full disposition for the relief of his Sovereign, to encourage him in the same, and to let him know how acceptable such a deed will be to all princes ; also to be careful to say that her Majesty will spend anything [she hath] which may redeem that Queen out of captivity. He is also to ascertain Murray's dealings with the Lords ; to enquire what party may be made for the Queen of Scotland, and to take care that she may know her Majesty's great grief for her and what care she taketh for her relief. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 48 A.]

August 6. Earl of Leycester to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. His other letter was written by the Queen's command. Her Majesty is most earnestly affected towards the Scottish Queen. There is general misliking of this strange dealing of the Lords with their natural Sovereign. Her Majesty thinks that she shall be considered an utter enemy to Scotland if their Queen perish. For his own part, though that Queen's acts be loathsome and foul, yet her punishment is unnatural and unjust. Knows not what wresting of scripture may be used, but the rules against such proceeding are plain, both in the old law and the new, and he himself means with God's grace to keep them. Though she have been very evil some ways, yet is she over hardly recompensed. Where is my Lord of Lethington's natural bord towards her who hath tied him so largely, so bountifully ? He [Leycester] protests that he speaks not this to serve his Sovereign's turn, but for conscience' sake ; he thinks that Queen hath justly deserved punishment at God's hands, so hath she deserved better consideration at some of her servants' hands. Fie upon ingratitude ! Her Majesty believes the Earl of Murray will do his best to save his Sovereign, and Sir Nicholas is to dispatch his last commission and come away. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 48 B.]

August 11. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The more she enters into consideration of these rigorous and unloyal proceedings of these Lords of Scotland against their Sovereign Lady, the more she is determined to relieve her and preserve her person ; being now minded to take in hand some good means, by the assistance of God, to preserve the Queen from further peril, and to stay the Lords within the duty of subjects. Sir Nicholas is therefore, notwithstanding his revocation, to return back to Scotland, to charge the Lords to be otherwise advised of their doings, and to assure them that, as she is a Prince, if they continue to use the Queen their Sovereign with this manner of dealing, by keeping her in prison, or

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shall do anything that may touch her life or person, she will not fail to revenge it to the uttermost of her power upon such as shall be in anywise guilty thereof; and this message she wills and charges him to do as roundly and sharply as he can, for sure she is he cannot express it with more vehemency than she means and intends. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 53 A.]

August 11. Sir William Cecill to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Informs him of an angry speech of her Majesty's, because nothing was thought of for her to revenge the Queen of Scots' imprisonment, and of arguments offered by him to appease her Majesty, and of the opportune arrival of Sir Nicholas' packet of the 5th, so that her Majesty began to pause. Nevertheless, after a conference this evening, her Majesty will still have the letter sent, and he is to open her earnestness in the matter to the Earl of Murray and my Lord of Lethington especially, in whom her Majesty reposeth most trust. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 53 B.]

August 18. Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Has heard ^{Aphorp.} of his revocation, but advises him to stay in Scotland until the establishment of the Government, for fear of French influence. The Queen continueth greatly in offence against these proceedings in Scotland, more openly than some think politic. Commendations to be made to my Lord of Murray, who is meetest for the government. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 63 A.]

August 20. Sir William Cecill to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The Queen ^{Guildford Manor.} wishes him to stay in Scotland to "expect" the proceeding of the Earl of Murray concerning the acceptation of the government. Her Majesty is in a continual offence against these Scottish Lords, and they who move her to mitigate it or hide it, incur the more of her indignation. Very sorry shall he be to behold the loss of the fruits of seven or eight years negotiation with Scotland, and now to suffer a divorce between the two realms. If religion, however, may remain, he trusts that the divorce will be rather in words than in hearts, especially if my Lord of Murray takes upon him the government. Her Majesty will consent to nothing so prejudicial to the Scottish Queen as the reception of an Ambassador from the young King, unless Queen Mary is perfectly contented with it herself. Sir Nicholas is again to seek audience of the Queen of Scots, and to tell the Earl of Murray from the Queen of England that she will not recognize his acceptation of the Regency, unless his Sovereign consents to it without coercion. Her Majesty has not written herself, through a crick in her neck, and another cause is to Sir Nicholas' advantage, because her Majesty might alter her mind upon a new motion. So Sir Nicholas may return upon authority of this letter, or stay, if he thinks it good for the service. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 65 A.]

August 23. Francis Earl of Bedford to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Notwithstanding their chiding letters from each other, yet will they be good friends. Hears that the Earl of Murray was yesterday proclaimed Protector and Governor of Scotland, and wonders that he has heard nothing from him [Throkmorton] of the matter. [Eliz., Vol. xiv. No. 66 A.]

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August 25. Henry Lord Scrope to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Lord Herys has been summoned to Edinburgh by the Earl of Murray, but refuses to have any conference with them as long as they retain their sovereign in captivity; he also refuses to give up any of his offices. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 68 A.]

August 29. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Described at Farnham Castle. Vol. xiv., No. 70. Transcript of a copy of this letter among the "Conway Papers." [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 70 A.]

Sept. 2. Henry Lord Scrope to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Arrival of a herald at Glasgow on Sunday last, to proclaim the Earl of Murray's regency, which he was not permitted to do. Lord Herys avowed the order forbidding the proclamation, and commanded the herald to depart out of his rule. Letters have arrived from the Bishop of St. Andrews and Abbot of Arbroath, praying Herys to be at Glasgow on the 3rd instant, to meet the Earls of Argyll and Huntly, with others, to consult for the pacifying of their innocent troubles. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 78 A.]

Sept. 10. Mr. James Melville to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The castle delivered this day to the Regent. Since Sir Nicholas' departure it is reported amongst the Hamiltons that he was revoked for favouring the Lords. The Hamiltons vaunt that they have received three thousand marks from the Queen of England. A convention at Glasgow. The delivery of the castle and jewels to the Regent has colded many of their stomachs. Expected arrival of Argyll, Lord Boyd and Killwynning come also. Another convention at Ayr. Pursuit of Bothwell by Grange. Capture of a pirate, one of Bothwell's companions. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 78 B.]

Sept. 15. James Earl of Murray, Regent of Scotland, to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. The convention of the Queen's friends at Glasgow. Submission of Argyll, Boyd, and Kilwynnyng to the King's and Regent's authority. An offer of submission from Lord Herys refused. Another offer from Huntly. Kilwynnyng to go to France to move the Duke of Chatelherault to submit also. Tullibardine and Grange are returned from the pursuit of Bothwell. Bothwell's escape. Capture of Callan, Bothwell's chamber child, one of the very executors [of the murder of Darnley?]. Expected recovery of Dunbar. Hopes he will continue a faithful minister for the weal of both the realms, and move the Queen's Majesty to tender their honourable causes and pretensions. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 81 A.]

Sept. 15. Mr. James Makgill to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Begs the Queen's Majesty's passport for the bearer, his servant, to go to France to visit his [the writer's] son with furnishing. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 82 A.]

Sept. 16. Mr. Robert Melville to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Return home of the Laird of Grange. Escape of Bothwell. Wreck of Grange's ship. Capture of Fogoe [a pirate]. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 82 B.]

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Edinburgh.

Mr. James Melville to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. General quiet and stability. The thieves busy. Martin Edward offers to keep good rule from Berwick to the Hermitage. Lord Herys is minded to the present weal and quietness of the state. Papists summoned for hearing mass. Take heed to the Papists. My Lord Regent is going to visit and comfort the Queen, who was never lustier nor merrier. The King in good health. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 92 A.]

Nov. 3.
Berwick.

Mr. William Drury to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. A secret journey by the Regent against the thieves of Liddesdale, which was put into execution at Alnwick last market day; he took thirty-six, whereof thirteen were presently hanged, nine drowned, and fourteen taken prisoners, but the Laird of Ormistoun and John of the Park escaped. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 92 B.]

Nov. 9.
Berwick.

Mr. William Drury to Sir Nicholas Throkmorton. Names of the thieves taken by the Regent of Scotland at Alnwick. His further progress to Peebles against the outlaws. Names of persons cleansed of the murder of the King. A Hamilton beheaded, and his two servants hanged, for the murder of his elder brother; Hamilton's penitent death; the murdered gentleman's wife burned. [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 92 C.] *Incloses,*

"The names of all those that was taken at Hanwiche the 30 daye of October by my Lord Regent of Scotland;" "of these, 11 hanged, 7 drowned, one slaien in takinge, 14 clensed. 10 had to Edenborough, and 3 or 4 leaten to sewertes." [Eliz., Vol. xiv., No. 92 C.] October.

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June 1.

A note of the most worthey and valyant rodes made by the L. Lewteniſt of the north partes and the Lorde Governor of Berwyke sines the 17th daie of April, and endinge the fyrt of June 1570. The names of all the stronge holdes in Skotland. The names of the Lordes that with the Kinge taketh parte, and of those against the Kinge. [Eliz., Vol. xviii., No. 44 A.]

1572.

Nov. 6.
St. Andrews.

Mr. Henry Kyllygrew to Secretary Sir Thomas Smyth. The Regent's death hath altered the former course, but he will do his endeavour to satisfy her Majesty's expectation. Hopes the Queen will write to the widow and her brother that they may give ear to her Majesty, and not depend on the practices of France. No honest nobleman of the King's party will take the Regency without the assistance of her Majesty. Argyll proposed for the Regency; his supporters. Objections against him. The Earl of Morton proposed; his unwillingness to accept the charge. The sparing of a little now will cause the spending of ten times as much hereafter. Interview with Montrose; his ears opened about the designs of the French. A conference at St. Johnston's between the King's party and the Castilians; proposals on both sides. Kyllygrew's suggestions to them. Difficulties about the appointment of a Regent, unless assisted by her Majesty. Persons appointed for a guard to the King. [Eliz., Vol. xxiii., No. 107 A.]

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Nov. 15. The names of the Earles, Lordes, and others convenit at Edenbrough the 15th of November 1572, for the choyse of the Regente. [Eliz., Vol. xxxiii., No. 108 A.]

1573.

Jan. 6.
Edinburgh.

James Earl of Morton, Regent of Scotland, to Mr. Henry Kyllygrew. They of the Castle are very busy with their shooting, but by trenches, and otherwise, things are in reasonable order, and the market "keeps" and all other things in the town proceed as if the enmity of the Castle was not. A soldier has been apprehended coming out of the Castle, and the persons to whom he was directed have been placed in the steeple against which the cannon shot is directed. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 24.]

Jan. 7.
Berwick.

Mr. Henry Kyllygrew to Sir Thomas Smyth. Details of an interview at St. Johnston's with the Earl of Atholl. The Queen's intentions respecting the preservation of the young King of Scotland. Kyllygrew's proposal to the Castle party for peace. A new abstinence advised by Atholl, evidently suggested by them of the Castle, till aid should arrive from France. A meeting with the Regent at the sermon. His consent to a new abstinence. Proposed conditions. The Castle party's reply to the conditions. A private interview with the Regent. His threat to quit the government. Audience of the Regent in Council. Speech of the Justice Clerk; professions towards England; nothing gained by former abstinences; forces expected from France for the Castle party; the Regent's refusal to grant an abstinence without assurance of peace to follow; conditions submitted to the Castle party; no hope of peace; resolution of renewal of hostilities communicated to the Castle, and threatened withdrawal of Kyllygrew; their answer; Montrose attempts to mediate with them in vain. Recommencement of hostilities; eight cannon-shot at the steeple after the sermon. Leave-taking of the Regent. The Regent's request to her Majesty. The last abstinence beneficial only to the Queen of Scots' party. Necessity of relief for the Regent, lest France should embrace him. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 2 B.]

Jan. 9.
Edinburgh.

Earl of Morton to Sir William Drury, Marshal of Berwick. War being renewed begs that he will send some of his old experienced captains, and a miner, to consider the work [Edinburgh Castle], that by their advice things may proceed better, and her Majesty the more certainly informed of the state thereof. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 2 C.]

Jan. 9.
Berwick.

Mr. Henry Kyllygrew to Lord Burghley. Explains respecting his communications with Sir James Balfour, whom he sent to the Queen of Scots' party in Edinburgh Castle. Suggests that her Majesty [Queen Elizabeth] "should write to the Regent some qualification" touching the King's [and] the Regent's death, "etc.," which is the stay of the "accord," and if her Majesty shall do anything therein whereby the Regent may be emboldened, it may be the means to draw the Duke and Huntly to accord. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 2 D.]

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Jan. 27. James Kyrkaldy to the Earl of Huntly, lieutenant in the north for the Queen of Scotland. His arrival there has determined the Earl of Morton to compass the house both by sea and land, nevertheless he thinks he can keep it if they had sufficient provisions. They shall keep it as long as they can, but request him to forward a boat with malt and meal and some soldiers, for all of which he will pay. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 16 A.]

Jan. 29. Henry Kyllygrew to Sir Thomas Smyth. The Queen of England's answer to the Regent's demand, to his grace's great satisfaction. Will send a plan of the house and ground. Its weakness and want of cannon. Some hope of bringing the Castle party to conformity. The Regent's suit to her Majesty touching Home Castle. Ships expected from France. The Regent preparing gabions and all such necessaries for the battery. A ship of her Majesty's is wanted to convey the ordnance from Berwick. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 17 A.]

Jan. News from Scotland from the 20th of January. Progress of the siege of Edinburgh Castle. The trenches. The fearless conduct of the people in the streets. The Tolbooth and church fenced with a rampart. Sitting of Parliament. Sharp war upon the Duke of Chatelherault, Huntly, and their followers. Argyll made Chancellor. Arrival of James Kyrkaldy from France. Names and titles of the Acts passed in the Parliament begun at Edinburgh January 15, and the names of the noblemen who convened at the same Parliament. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 18 A.]

March 2. Mr. Henry Kyllygrew to Sir Thomas Smyth. Huntly well satisfied with the Regent. A summons to the castle sent by Captain Aryngton; the answer. Grange's refusal to surrender the castle, but to keep it for the King. Proclamation of peace [with England] made this day. Urges the hastening of the forces. [Eliz., Vol. xxiv., No. 44 A.]

May 28. "The names of such as were in the Castell of Edinborough when it was rendred, the 28 of May 1573." With particulars about the siege, the number of the besiegers, English and Scots, number of cannon, names of English officers, cause of surrender, &c. [Eliz., Vol. xxv., No. 57 A.]

June 1. Mr. Henry Kyllygrew to Sir Thomas Smyth. Now that the castle is won, he begs the remembrance of the Earl of Huntly's and Abbot of Arbroath's suits, to have her Majesty's advice to the Regent touching the spoils and the deaths of the two Regents, else they can have no surety for their lives or livings. Reminds him of pensions to be granted to the Regent, Huntly, and Argyll. Requests to be recalled. The Regent is about to restore the abbeys of Arbroath and Paisley to the Duke's sons, but they must be recovered by force. [Eliz., Vol. xxv., No. 61 A.] *Incloses,*

"A copie of the promes I [Henry Kyllygrew] made at Perth to th'erle of Huntly and the Duke's [of Chatelherault's] sonnes, without the which no peace could haue bin made for that tyme," promising to obtain the Queen of England's

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intercession with the Regent in behalf of the persons named, in respect to the murders of the Earl of Murray and Earl of Lennox, Regents of Scotland, and on other matters. [Eliz., Vol. xxv., No. 61 A.]

June 5. Henry Killygrew to Sir Thomas Smyth. Rendering of the castle. Edinburgh. Non-arrival of Monsieur Virac as reported. Lord Livingston may come home if he will acknowledge his duty to the King. French good news always evil news for England. If Rochelle or Montgomery be distressed, they in Scotland [the Protestants] ought to be "confirmed" by her Majesty, both by league and pensions, and also by advice to the Regent, in behalf of the Duke's children and Huntly; it should be done while the iron is hot, for there are many soldiers now who will be going abroad for service. The General [Sir William Drury] is at Leith, preparing to return homewards, and the prisoners are with him, expecting good news from her Majesty's Court, but this will be ill news to the most and best part of Scotland, especially to the Regent, who will not like that they should live, and he himself [Killygrew] thinks them now, for sundry considerations, fitter for God than for the world. Many papers of importance were left by them in the Castle, one the copy of a letter sent by them to the Duke of Alva, which he requests may be communicated to my Lord Treasurer, and that his Honour may be shewn that the unthankfullest thing that may come out of England to the Regent, will be any suit in favour of the three chief prisoners. [Eliz., Vol. xxv., No. 62 A.]

June 6. Bond entered into by Captain Thomas Robeson to fulfil certain Edinburgh. conditions in the levying of three hundred waged men of war in Scotland for service in the Low Countries, in defence of God's true religion, and against the persecutors thereof. [Eliz., Vol. xxv., No. 64 A.]

June 8. Queen Elizabeth to Sir William Drury. Thanks him for his Edinburgh. faithfulness, goodwill, and valiantness now at this time, at the siege and recovery of the Castle of Edinburgh, and requests him to convey her like thanks to all who have participated their labours and adventures with him; desires him to get released from the prisoners of the castle, and to return to his charge at Berwick. [Eliz., Vol. xxv., No. 64 B.]

June 8. Queen Elizabeth to Mr. Henry Killygrew. Commends and Edinburgh. returns thanks for his service in Scotland. The Marshal [Drury] should with all speed be discharged of the prisoners of the castle, and he must travail with the Regent that they may be bestowed in some sure place at his discretion, but not with their mortal enemies, where they may be in fear of murdering. [With the preceding.]

June 13. Mr. Henry Killygrew to Sir Thomas Smyth. Death of the Laird Edinburgh. of Lethington. The Scots straying abroad. Chance of a peaceable state of things if her Majesty will send her advice to the Regent as he suggested before. A bull has come into the north of Scotland, such as came into England for which Felton was hanged. Flight of

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one Andrews, a learned papist. Commissioners for matters of religion. The prisoners; desire for their execution, as a warning for their great treason. Lord Livingston has the Regent's leave to return home. Expediency of pensions to some of the chiefest in Scotland, while the iron is hot. The ministers are still as earnest in their sermons against the French King as though the news of the Admiral's death came but yesterday. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xxv., No. 69 A.]

June 30. Mr. Kyllygrew to Sir Thomas Smyth. Is forced to lessen his speed homewards, through an attack of the stone. Left all well in Scotland. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xxv., No. 80 A.]

Nov. 13. Earl of Morton, Regent of Scotland, to Queen Elizabeth. Has received the houses of Home and Fastcastle from the hands of her officers. Requests an order to the Treasurer of Berwick that he may receive the ordnance. Is driven to greater charges than he can well bear, and requests some present support of money and powder. His intention, next to the glory of God and the preservation of the King, is to travail for the good order and quiet of the realm, and the continuance of amity with England, so that the benefits which her Majesty may bestow on them will be well expended. Has appointed Wardens in the Marches. Commends Sir Simon Musgrave of Bewcastle. Has examined Mr. Robert Melvill; is not satisfied, and has therefore detained him. Explains respecting his compounding the matter of the slaughter of the Laird of Westraw. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xxv., No. 94 A.]

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Jan. 21. Earl of Morton to Queen Elizabeth. Excuses himself for not replying at once to her Majesty's letter about the Laird of Farnihurst. Has written to the Earl of Argyll that nothing may be attempted to the annoyance of her subjects in Ireland. Suggests union against the enemies of God's truth abroad. Wishes the Prince of Orange and people of the Low Countries might be relieved. Requests aid. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xxvi., No. 14.]

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Heids and Conclusions of the Policie of the Kirk.

This book of Policy of the Kirk of Scotland was prepared in 1577, but it was not until April 1581 that the General Assembly authorized it to be inserted in their minutes, until it should receive the sanction of the civil authority. It is best known by the title of *The Second Book of Discipline*; and according to this form of policy the Church Government of Scotland was established in the year 1592, and again in 1690. This copy is marked on the cover, "To my Lord Ambassitour," and also, "Maister James Carmichel's Booke." Carmichael was minister of Haddington. 14 leaves 4to. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xxix., No. 69.]

A transcript of the same MS., in nearly a contemporary hand, and copying the above indorsations. 16 leaves 4to. [*Eliz.*, Vol. xxix., No. 70.]

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Dec. 14. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. William Davison. The Queen is determined that Mons. la Mothe Fénelon shall go forward. He [Davison] may therefore prepare himself accordingly, and will receive his despatches tomorrow. [Eliz., Vol. xxx., No. 73 A.]

Dec. 19. Lord Burghley to Mr. Davison. Hears from Scotland that the Duke, instead of departing the kingdom, has gone to Dumbarton.

The King has proclaimed him a rebel, but these delays arise only from the hope of comfort by La Mothe. The longer La Mothe may be delayed the better. [Eliz., Vol. xxx., No. 76 A.]

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London.

Anonymous. [William Fouler] to Sir Francis Walsyngham. So much as he has learned since their last conference he sends inclosed. Is assured of his favour and courtesy. [Eliz., Vol. xxx., No. 81 A.]

Dec. 31.

St. Peter's Hill.

Thomas Randolph to Mr. William Davison. The Flemish posts storm tied. Books spread abroad in France in favour of the Duke of Guise against the King. At home they do as they were wont, sing, play, dance, and jolly good cheer. Has heard of the Duke of Lennox's arrival at Berwick, but the proceedings in Scotland make them stagger. Has studied his [Davison's] preferment since his departure. [Eliz., Vol. xxx., No. 94.]

1584.

May.

Address by Mr. James Lowsone, minister of Edinburgh, to the provost, baillies, and others of the city, explaining the reasons of himself and other ministers for absenting themselves from their flocks; complaining of the committal to ward of Mr. David Lindsay; and setting forth various grievances and wrongs under which the Church of Scotland has been labouring at the hands of the Court and Government. [Eliz., Vol. xxxiv., No. 98.]

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Dec. 19.

Archibald Douglas to Lord Burghley. Forgot to speak to him of one Sir Alexander Stewart, who has been there some time. If he is recommended to his Lordship believes it shall be best done to deal with him wisely, but is afraid he will prove but indifferently honest. [Eliz., Vol. xlvi., No. 73 A.]

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July ?]

The Earl of Bothwell to the Ministers of Scotland. Should not have importuned them again but that he is informed that his enemies have induced the King to persuade them to proceed to his excommunication. Protests his innocence, and as they have not been accustomed to draw the spiritual sword lightly, he trusts they will not begin with him. Will not be found obstinate, and will with all humility receive their correction. Denies that he has done anything to the danger of the King's life or person. The witnesses against him were not admissible by law to prove a matter of five shillings. Complains in respect to the accusation made against him by Richie

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Graham, and two nobles, and of the alteration of the depositions. If he cannot prove sorcery, or at the least consultation with sorcerers and witches, on the part of his adversaries, then he will admit the truth of all that is objected against him. Begs them not to eke affliction to affliction, and separate from them those who are conjoined in religion and in heart. If he goes abroad no calamity shall compel him to swerve from the truth received and professed. If excommunication necessarily followed forfeiture, the Earl of Murray, Mr. Knox, and Buchanan should be excommunicated, if they were alive, as the King thinks no otherwise of them than of the most treasonable persons that ever his nation bred, and no doubt their portion, so far as Maitland's credit may extend, would be no better than that of the Earls of Morton, Gowry, and the late Earl of Murray. Requests them to abstain from that which they cannot do without slander and offence, and to let the condition of his estate, and the punishment he patiently sustains, move them to compassion. [*Indorsed by Christopher Sheperson, "The copie of Bothwell's lamentation set on the ministers' doores."*] [Eliz., Vol. xlviii., No. 81.]

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS,
DURING HER DETENTION IN ENGLAND.

VOL. I. MAY—SEPTEMBER, 1568.

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May 17. 1. Mary Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth. Details the treasonable proceedings of her subjects against her at various times, the killing of one of her servants in her presence, her compulsory resignation of her Crown, her captivity and escape, her late battle with her adversaries, her defeat and flight into England; explains her pitiable condition, and appeals to her for protection and succour. Fr. [Indorsed by Sir William Cecil, "17 Maij 1568, Copy of yr Q. off Scottes l're to yr Q. Ma'." The original letter is in the Cottonian Collection, Calig. C. 1. p. 68.]

May 17. 2. Richard Louther to Sir William Cecil. The Queen of Scots' arrival at Workington; her attendants; her repair to Cockermouth. Intends to conduct her to Carlisle Castle to-morrow. Begs to know the Queen's pleasure in the matter.

May 18. 3. Earl of Northumberland to Queen Elizabeth. Incloses a letter from his officers at Cockermouth, informing him of the Queen of Scots' arrival at Workington. Has given orders for her entertainment, till he knows her Majesty's pleasure.

3. 1. *George Lamplught and others to the Earl of Northumberland. Arrival of the Queen of Scots. Names of those who accompanied her.* Workington, May 17.

May 18. 4. Earl of Northumberland to Sir William Cecil. Arrival of the Queen of Scots at Workington. Desires to understand her Majesty's pleasure. Hopes the Queen of Scots may not be delivered to any other than himself.

May 18. 5. Richard Louther to Sir William Cecil. Has conducted the Queen of Scots there, and lodged her in the castle. Meanness of her attire. His order for defraying her charges. Her meeting with the French Ambassador. The Regent's intention to execute some of her adherents. The Queen's tears.

May 18. 6. "Advertisementes out of Scotland," of the Queen of Scots' flight to England with certain attendants, and arrival at Carlisle.

May 20. 7. Richard Louther to Sir William Cecil. An order from the Council in the North respecting the treatment of the Scottish Queen. His own detention of her at Carlisle. Intends meeting the Earl of Northumberland to dissuade him from removing her. Incloses,

7. 1. *The Council of York, in the name of Queen Elizabeth, to the Sheriff and Gentry of Cumberland. Desiring the honourable usage and safe custody of the Queen of Scots.* York, May 19.

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May 21. 8. Queen Elizabeth's warrant to the Vice-Chamberlain of the household [Sir Francis Knollys], to repair to the West Borders with Lord Scrope, respecting the appointment of a diet for the Queen of Scots and her attendants.

May 22. 9. Another warrant to the Vice Chamberlain, for the payment of the charges incurred by Lord Scrope's Deputy for the Queen of Scots, and in conducting her to Carlisle.

May 22. 10. Richard Louther to Sir William Cecill. Informs him of the great anger and threats of the Earl of Northumberland against him, in consequence of his refusal to deliver the Queen of Scots into his custody.

May 25. 11. Sir Francis Knollys to the Earl of Northumberland. Desires him in the Queen's name not to meddle further with the removal of the Queen of Scots, until he shall learn her Majesty's pleasure in the matter.

May 28. 12. Mary Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth. Her great wish to have a personal interview. The harm she did herself by recalling her banished subjects at her Majesty's request. Lord Herries sent to inform her fully of all these things, and to know her pleasure concerning her coming up to her. Lord Fleming sent by her to France. If she refuses her succour, she must seek it of her other allies. Fr.

May 30. 13. Lord Scrope and Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Requests his consideration for the private charges of the Deputy Warden, who is going up to accompany Lords Herys and Fleming.

May 30. 14. Lord Scrope to Sir William Cecill. Recommende his cousin, Mr. Louther, who is going up with the Lords Herys and Fleming, and that he may have thanks for his recent service.

June 2. 15. Copy of part of a letter from Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill, respecting the needs of the Queen of Scots, her wardrobe, and attendants. [Certified by Sir F. Knollys.]

June 8. 16. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Has heard of her desire to justify herself in her presence in respect of the things alleged against her. There is no creature living who will more willingly open her ears to such a declaration as shall acquit her honour, but she [Queen Elizabeth] cannot neglect her own proper reputation. Will have greatest care of her [Queen Mary's] life, and promises, on the word of a Prince, to do nothing which shall be dangerous to her or against her honour. If she thinks it strange that an interview is not permitted, she must make a metamorphose of their two persons, and then she will see that her reception cannot be permitted before her justification; but when she is cleared of that crime, to see her will, among all mundane joys, hold the first rank. Fr.

June 8. 17. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. His travail respecting Morton most thankfully received. The Queen of Scots is mending, both in body and countenance; her hope of relief from France; her present plans in respect to that country. Their need of instruction.

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June 11. Carlisle. 18. Sir Francis Knollys to the Privy Council. Need of her Majesty's plain resolution concerning the Queen of Scots. News of the French coming to Scotland. Queen Mary's repentance for coming to England, and the probability of her attempting to escape.

June 12. 19. Lord Herys to ——. Requests leave to return to Carlisle, and that Lord Fleming may have licence to go to France; if not, that they and other noblemen, to the number of one hundred, may have licence to pass and repass from Scotland during the abode of their sovereign in England.

June 12. 20. A viewe of the chardges of the defrayinge of the Scotish Queen, from her firste arrivall at Cockermouth, until the 12th June, 1568.

June 18. Carlisle. 21. Lord Scrope to Queen Elizabeth. Returns thanks for her relief of his necessities, and for her good acceptance of his former service.

June 26. Carlisle. 22. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. Begs that Lord Scrope and Knollys may be written to, that such of her subjects as have business with her may have passports. Complains of harsh treatment and begs protection. Requests a passport to France for George Douglas. Fr.

June 26. Carlisle. 23. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. George Douglas sent to the Court by the Queen of Scots. Their orders respecting the removal of the Queen further into the realm, and the difficulty they have in persuading her to agree to it.

June 30. Greenwich. 24. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Reasons for not granting Lord Fleming the desired passport to France. Middlemore. The Queen of Scots' desire for a personal interview, and her determination not to come further into England, unless compelled by force. Detention of Lord Herys at the English Court. Lord Fleming to return to Scotland.

[July 16.] 25. A collection of such things as have passed in the cause of the Queen of Scots betwixt the Queen's Majesty and her since her escape out of Lochleven in May 1568; with a statement of the Queen of Scots' requests to her Majesty for a personal interview.

July 16. 26. Another statement, partly in the handwriting of Sir William Cecill, of what had lately passed between the Queen of England and the Queen of Scots, commencing with the request made by the latter to have a personal interview with Queen Elizabeth, which was declined, on account of Queen Mary's being charged with connivance in the death of her husband Darnley.

July 20. Bolton Castle. 27. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The Queen of Scots' apparel brought from Lochleven. A fight between Edward of the Bonshawe and the Maxwells. Money matters. Number of Scots about Queen Mary; her discontent. The talk about French soldiers. Incloses,

27. I. *A view of the expenditure of the diet of the Scottish Queen from her first arrival until the 14th of July.*

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July 25. 28. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Great need of money ; Bolton Castle. desires to be recalled. Reported irresolution in the Privy Council about the Queen of Scots ; her removal from Carlisle ; her conversation about Murray's government, and his disposition towards her ; her hope to win him. Arrival of Lord Herys.

July 28. 29. Lord Herys to Sir William Cecill. Queen Mary's acceptance of her Majesty's professions towards her. The Queen's request to return to Scotland. The answers which he [Herys] received from Queen Elizabeth and himself [Cecill] on the subject. Other propositions made to him in England in regard to the Queen's resumption of her government ; the Queen's answer to them.

July 29. 30. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Illness of Cecill. Bolton Castle. Has sent some persons for the sure conveyance of some expected money.

July 30. 31. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Lord "Ruslen" Bolton Castle. lately arrived there to see the Queen of Scots ; his wealth ; his purpose. Directions for the sure conveyance of some money.

July ? 32. " Articles of remembrance to be answered by the Lords of the Council," as to the treatment of the Queen of Scots, and the provision to be made for her accommodation.

July ? 33. Copy of the same.

August 8. 34. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The Queen of Scots' Bolton Castle. tears and indignation at the contents of one of her Majesty's letters ; her desire to return to Scotland. Fault found with him [Knollys] at the English Court, for recommending the religion of Geneva. The religion of the Queen of Scots. Other fault found with him about the Queen of Scots' attendants. His defence. Queen Mary is a rare woman, and thinks him an honest man.

August 10. 35. Sir Francis Knollys to the Duke of Norfolk. Letters from Bolton Castle. Scotland read to him by the Queen of Scots ; her party there in great comfort and courage ; her wish that Murray should be prevented from holding his Parliament.

August 15. 36. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Letters from Murray. Bolton Castle. A letter from the Queen of Scots' adherents to her ; doubts about sending it up to her Majesty. His advice to her. Proposed journey to Berwick.

August 16. 37. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. His journey to Berwick stayed. Does not see the necessity of his remaining there, as Mr. Reade and his band can guard the house. Begs to know when he may expect his revocation.

August 18. 38. Matthew Earl of Lennox to Sir William Cecill. Understands Chiswick. that there is to be a trial in September next respecting the murder of the late King of Scotland, his son, and begs advice as to his appearance in it.

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August 18. 39. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecil. His wife is ill and Bolton Castle. desires to come to him. Lady Leviston and others are come to attend upon the Queen of Scots.

August 23. 40. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecil. Queen Mary's trouble at the forfeiture of her party in this Parliament. Complaints against the Queen of England. *Incloses*,

40. i. *Lord Herys to Lord Scrope. Murray's proceedings in his pretended Parliament. Forfeiture of some of the Queen's adherents. Expresses his astonishment at these proceedings, remembering the faithful promise made to him so many times by the Queen of England.*

Dumfries, August 21.

August 23. 41. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecil. A practice intended to his [Knollys'] shame. The Queen of Scots is not likely now to make such an uncertain adventure. Lord Herys' letter to her Majesty [of England], excusing himself, and inveighing against his adversaries. *Incloses*,

41. i. *Earl of Murray to Sir John Forster. Informs him of a reported intention of some Englishmen to convey the Queen of Scots from Bolton, and begs him to advertise Lord Scrope and Mr. Vice Chamberlain of the matter.*

Edinburgh, August 21.

August 26. 42. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecil. Her Majesty's refusal for his wife to come to him. The posts. Money wanted after September, if the Queen of Scots remains there. Her anxiety to have access to her Majesty.

August 29. 43. Knollys to Cecil. Letters to the Queen of Scots from her party in Scotland; their anxiety to commence hostilities; their great power. The Queen's cloth of estate. Some of her party deserting to Murray.

August 29. 44. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir William Cecil. Suggests that some wise and learned men should be joined in this Commission respecting the matter of Scotland, as many questions of law will turn out. The Duke's Grace and my Lord of Sussex are noble, wise, and discreet, but of their learning in the laws he [Cecil] can judge best.

August 31. 45. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecil. Is going to meet Lord Hunsdon at Newcastle. His orders for keeping the watch during his absence. No fear of the Queen of Scots' escape. Her great courtesy and importunity to him.

August 31. 46. Advices from Scotland:—The Parliament's sanction of Murray's "intromission" with the Queen's jewels; Queen of Scots' intention to the setting up of idolatry; Frenchmen coming to Scotland; persons come in to the Regent.

Sept. 1. 47. Duke of Chatelherault to Queen Elizabeth. Sends his cousin, the Commendator of Kilwynning, to return his thanks for her Majesty's kindness. Begs a continuance of the same, and that she will restore his Sovereign to her own.

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Sept. 1. 48. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. A suit of the Seaton Delaval. merchants of Newcastle against others "Danske and Stylyardemen." The Queen of Scots' desire to have access to her Majesty. Her attempts to "corrupt" him. A pretty chain of pomander beads. Murray's coming into England.

Sept. 4. 49. Knollys to Cecill. Proposed arbitration by her Majesty between the Queen of Scots and her subjects. The Parliament to be holden by Murray. Murder of a soldier at the castle. Papistical tyranny in France. Lord Huntly's repulse. Horses for the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 6. 50. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. Scottish causes. Excuses for not writing at length. A packet from the Earl of Murray to Mr. Wood.

Sept. 11. 51. Lord Scrope and Sir Francis Knollys to Lord Herys. In regard to his assertion that her Majesty had promised that no Parliament should be holden in Scotland, and reproving him for the intemperate style of his letter, and the threats contained in it of bringing in the French unless her Majesty does for him as she wishes.

Sept. 15. 52. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Another Commissioner for the Queen of Scots. Rheum and hoarseness. Money. Complaints against the Scottish Borderers; Queen Mary disclaims them. Tyranny in France. The Commissioners to meet at York.

Sept. 16. 53. Knollys to Cecill. In favour of Captain Lawder and Thomas Bolton Castle. Bogg for passports to France.

Sept. 16. 54. Names of the Queen of Scots' Commissioners, for whom passports are to be made.

Sept. 16. 55. Queen Elizabeth's safe conduct for the Earl of Morton or Earl of Glencairn, and others, to come to England to confer with certain of the English nobility and Council respecting the matters of the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 16. 56. Safe conduct for the Earl of Murray coming into England for the same purpose.

Sept. 16. 57. Scotch copy of the same.

Reading.

Sept. 17. 58. Sir Francis Knollys to the Earl of Leycester. Lack of horses and saddles for the Queen of Scots. His regret at the disgrace of Mr. Nicholas White, whom he has always found disposed to set forth the reducement of Ireland from the maintenance of thieves and murderers.

Sept. 18. 59. King James' Commission to the Earls of Murray, Morton, and Edinburgh. others, to meet with certain English Commissioners to confer on the reasons which led to the detention and sequestration of the person of the Queen of Scotland, his mother.

Sept. 21. 60. Sir F. Knollys to [Sir William Cecill]. Apprehension of one Bolton. Doctor Marshall, a notorious papist; conjurations; his religion; curious books found on him. The Queen of Scots' open profession of the Romish religion, lest she should lose France and Spain.

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Sept. 23. 61. Part of a letter from Sir William Cecill to the Earl of Sussex. Entertainment of the Cardinal of Chastillion by her Majesty. The Duke of Norfolk and others gone to York. The Queen of Scots not to be restored if she be found guilty of the murder.

Sept. 24. 62. Mary Queen of Scots to Sir William Cecill. Introduces the Sieur de Beton, directed towards the Queen her good sister in certain her affairs. Fr.

Sept. 24. 63. Sir Ralph Sadler to Sir William Cecill. Begs a copy of the instructions in this great cause which they have in hand, that he may consider them on his journey. Suggests difficulties if they do not give the higher place to the Commissioners on the part of the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 24. 64. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Mr. Beton sent to the English Court by the Queen of Scots. Her Commissioners expected. Abominable ribaldry found in a book of Dr. Marshall's; charms, conjurations, and witchcrafts.

Sept. 29. 65. Knollys to Cecill. His disappointment that he is not discharged. Wants winter clothing. Is sent for to York by the Duke of Norfolk. Prevalence of papistry in the North, where there is great need of a zealous Bishop. Never a sermon in Richmondshire since the beginning of the Queen's reign.

Sept. ? 66. A list of persons attending upon the Scottish Queen at Carlisle and Bolton.

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Oct. 3. 1. Queen of Scots to Sir William Cecill. Her people being arrived at York begs that her affairs may be no longer delayed. Credits Mr. Beton. Fr.

Oct. 4. 2. Answers to the complaint given in by John Beton, in name and behalf of the Queen of Scots, against my Lord Regent and other noblemen avowing the King's just authority.

Oct. 5. 3. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Ross. Dissimulation. Norfolk can learn nothing. Knollys unfavourable, and wishes to worm out her secrets "tiret Ies vers du nez." Artful questions put to her. Knollys piqued against the Duke [Norfolk]; it would be no loss to them could this jealousy be augmented. Fr. [In cipher.]

Oct. 6. 4. Duke of Norfolk to Sir William Cecill. Fears that the matter will turn out very foul if all be true that they affirm. Necessity of her Majesty's keeping the Duke [Chatelherault] still till the meeting be past.

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Oct. 7. 5. Form of oath for the Queen of Scots' Commissioners. And the protestation made by them refusing to recognize any authority to judge their Sovereign ; and the protestation made in rejoinder by Queen Elizabeth's Commissioners.

[Oct. 7.] 6. The form of an oath for the Commissioners deputed by the King's Majesty of Scotland, as they call him.

[Oct. 7.] 7. Copy of the same.

Oct. 9. 8. Duke of Norfolk, Earl of Sussex, and Sir Ralph Sadler to Queen Elizabeth. Oath by the Queen of Scots' Commissioners and their protestation ; answer thereto. Opening of their business. Lord Herys' speech concerning the wrongs of the Queen of Scots. Complaints of her party. Murray's answer. Hesitation in charging their Sovereign's mother with murder ; their determination not to do so without being assured of her Majesty's aid. *Inclose*,

8. I. *Form of an oath for the Commissioners deputed for the Queen's Maj^{ie} of Scotland ; and the protestations made by the Commissioners on both sides.* Oct. 7.

Oct. 9. 9. Duke of Norfolk to Sir William Cecill. Thought good to desire Mr. Vice Chamberlain to bestow a day or two with them, to learn the Queen of Scots' determination. Matters fall out hardly with them. Stay for advice.

Oct. 9. 10. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. Difficulties respecting the accusing the Queen of murder ; the cause being so weighty, advice is desired from her Majesty.

Oct. 9. 11. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir Wm. Cecill. Herys and Lethington desirous to settle matters without the extremity of odious accusations. Supposes that Dr. Marshall^{*} may now easily be made to preach at Paul's Cross. Money.

Oct. 9. 12. Earl of Lennox to Sir William Cecill. Thanks for his affectionate mind against all such as are thought to be guilty of the murder of the late King of Scots, as evinced in the stay of the Laird of Rickarton [Sir Patrick Hepburn], who, he thinks, is much to be suspected.

Oct. 9. 13. John Wod to Cecil. Evasion in respect to the charge of murder. Danger of delay. Money brought by John of Beton ; liberality of the hand that has it.

Oct. 10. 14. Queen Elizabeth to the Duke of Norfolk and other Commissioners at York. The Queen of Scots' desire that Lord Seaton and others should be removed from Edinburgh Castle in consequence of the plague there ; her consent thereto. Resort of persons [to York] pretending to be the Queen of Scots' Commissioners. Instructions for proceeding with the Commissioners.

Oct. 11. 15. Answer made by the Earl of Murray and the King of Scots' Commissioners to the letter presented to the English Commissioners on behalf of the Queen of Scots, in respect to the murder of King Henry [Darnley].

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Oct. 11. York. 16. Duke of Norfolk to the Earls of Pembroke and Leycester and Sir William Cecill. Their promise to be mindful of the "great cause" during his absence. They [the Commissioners] have gone as far as they can in the matter of the Queen of Scots. The Regent and his party will go no further at present; their dangerous position. The two courses to be taken, in case the fact be proved as detestable as it seems, or otherwise. Difficulties about any reconciliations.

Oct. 15. York. 17. Earl of Murray to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks her for her honourable dealing in this weighty cause, and commands her Commissioners. Begs that they may have commandment to proceed summarily in the matter, on account of the dangers which may arise from his absence from Scotland.

Oct. 16. 18. Queen Elizabeth to the Duke of Norfolk and her other Commissioners at York. Informs them of her uncertainty how to proceed in the matter which they have in hand. Desires that Sir Ralph Sadler, Lord Herys, and Lethington may come up to deliberate upon it, and instructs them how to arrange for their coming.

Oct. 18. York. 19. Duke of Norfolk to Sir William Cecill. This cause is the most doubtful and dangerous that ever he dealt in. If the Queen of Scots be driven to her trial she will desire to be present in person, a thing which, he thinks, needs good consideration.

Oct. 20. 20. The reply and true declaration of the Commissioners in behalf of the Queen of Scots in answer to the Earl of Murray and his adherents, in regard to the murder of the Queen of Scots' late husband, her alleged voluntary resignation of her Crown, &c.

Oct. 21. 21. Copy of the same.

Oct. 20. York. 22. Duke of Norfolk, Earl of Sussex, and Sir Ralph Sadler, to Sir William Cecill. The Scottish Commissioners are coming up to her Majesty as she wishes. Murray was willing to have come himself. Queen Mary's Commissioners are gone to Bolton to know her pleasure about it.

Oct. 20. Bolton. 23. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The wish not to proceed in the odious accusations against the Queen of Scots. She would not stick to incline to his cousin George Carey to please her Majesty. Does not see how she can be detained. Reconciliations unsafe, except with an English marriage.

Oct. 20. Bolton. 24. Knollys to Cecill. The communication to the Queen of Scots of her Majesty's wish to hear the matters herself. The Queen very inquisitive as to her Majesty's intentions. His [Knollys'] hint to her about a marriage with one of her Majesty's kinsmen.

Oct. 21. 25. Certain heads required by my Lord Regent of Scotland to be considered by her Majesty, in reference to the matter of the Queen of Scots, and the necessity of his own return to Scotland.

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Oct. 22. 26. Earl of Murray to Sir William Cecill. Credits the Laird of York. Lethington and Clerk of the Register, whom he has directed towards her Majesty instructed fully with his mind.

Oct. 24. 27. John Wod to Sir William Cecill. Letters from Lady Lennox. London. An accident on the Borders. Hopes his [Cecill's] friends will be well used, especially the children of God.

Oct. 24. 28. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Commends Sir Bolton. George Bowes, who is a good protestant, for his services in removing the Queen of Scots from Carlisle. Money matters.

Oct. 25. 29. Knollys to Cecill. The bearer, Robert Melvill, has a letter from the Queen of Scots to her Majesty. He wishes to return to Bolton. Scotland again, but the Queen stays him to witness that she "dismissed" her Crown against her will.

Oct. 25. 30. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. The Earl of Murray York. going to Pomfret, Beverley, and Hull during the abstinence of treaty. Has given orders for his entertainment. The Queen of Scots is offended with her Commissioners.

Oct. 28. 31. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. Conveyance of letters York. French and Flemish causes. Hopes the Queen will keep in the same mind of which he writes.

Oct. 30. 32. Queen Elizabeth's answer to two questions proposed to her by the Earl of Murray and his colleagues in regard to the Queen of Scots.

Oct. 31. 33. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Remonstrates on Bolton. the inexpediency of his having the custody of the Queen of Scots at Tutbury, but offers to take charge of her if the Queen will place her at Sherborne Manor House, within the honor of Eweime, and which stands within his rule and among his friends.

Nov. 2. 34. Knollys to Cecill. Remonstrates again that he should have Bolton. charge of the Queen of Scots at Tutbury. Her removal thence [from Bolton] is necessary on account of the want of provisions and fodder.

Nov. 3. 35. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. That there may be no York. delay in the Queen of Scots' removal he has written to Mr. Vice Chamberlain and sent him a note of the way, and of the company in those parts fittest to attend him. *Incloses.*

35. 1. *Earl of Sussex to Sir F. Knollys.* Sends him a note of the way he thinks fittest for him to take with the Queen of Scots from Bolton to Tutbury, and of the names of the gentlemen fittest to give him attendance. *York, Nov. 3.*

Nov. 4. 36. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. A packet from the York. Duke of Norfolk. Murray returned from Hull.

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Nov. 5. 37. Sir Francis Knollys to [Sir William Cecill]. Orders which he has made to prevent the escape of the Queen of Scots. Arrangements for her removal to Tutbury. Hopes he shall not have the charge of her. Thinks better of his son than Cecill's informer does.

Bolton.

Nov. 7. 38. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. Preparation for the removal of the Queen of Scots. Murray's determination to go up to London. Revocation of the Duke of Norfolk. *Incloses,*

York.

38. i. *Earl of Sussex to Sir F. Knollys. In answer to a letter requesting horses for conducting the Queen of Scots to Tutbury, and promising all the assistance in his power.*

York, Nov. 6.

Nov. 8. 39. John Somer to Sir William Cecill. Informs him of the Queen's pleasure how a certain letter of Mr. Vice Chamberlain's is to be answered, in regard to the number of soldiers kept by him for guarding the Queen of Scots.

The Court.

Nov. 8. 40. Contemporary copy of the same letter.

Nov. 10. 41. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The Queen of Scots charges him with having reported that she had caused the Abbot of Arbroath to raise men for her escape. Case of Mr. Wilford in the Court of Requests. *Incloses,*

Bolton.

41. i. *Bishop of Ross and Lord Herys to the Queen of Scots. Inform her of a report, sent to the Court by Lord Scrope and Mr. Vice Chamberlain, that the Abbot of Arbroath had taken up 300 soldiers to convey her from Bolton; and of their reply to the same.*

Kingston, Nov. 4.

Nov. 11. 42. Knollys to Cecill. Mr. Wilford's inopportune departure. Hopes his own service will soon end. Want of money. Lord Scrope returned.

Bolton.

Nov. 12. 43. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. Letters from the Duke of Norfolk, who sups with him to-morrow night on his way to the Court.

York.

Nov. 12. 44. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The orders sent to him to diminish the number of the Queen of Scots' horsemen. His reasons for raising more men; facilities and preparations for her escape. Glad of her Majesty's intention to call a Council of her Nobles in this great cause.

Bolton.

Nov. 19. 45. Knollys to Cecill. The reports against William Knollys [his son]. Need of guards, money, and provisions.

Bolton.

Nov. 20. 46. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir William Cecill. Is willed by his friend to say, that if the Queen of Scots' consent to the murder of her husband lacketh proof, he is able to discover certain persons who should have been employed in the said murder, and who are here to be produced.

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Nov. 21. 47. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Intelligence brought by the Laird of Rickarton to the Queen of Scots of her Majesty's hostility against her; Queen Mary's intention to break up the Commission; her love of riding.

Nov. 21. 48. A paper by Sir William Cecill, entitled "Private matters for y^e Q. Ma^r of England," being suggestions as to the treatment of the Queen of Scots and as to the Crown of Scotland; the best way for England, but not the easiest; the second way for England, profitable and not so hard, &c.

Nov. [24]. 49. Queen Elizabeth. Commission to Sir Nicholas Bacon, the Duke of Norfolk, the Earls of Arundel, Sussex, and Leicester, Lord Clinton, Sir William Cecill, and Sir Ralph Sadler, to treat with the Commissioners of the Queen of Scots and the Earl of Murray, respecting the differences between the said Queen of Scots and her subjects.

Nov. 24. 50. Rough draft of the same, corrected by Sir William Cecill.

Nov. 25. 51. Answer of the Queen of England's Commissioners to a protestation made by the Commissioners of the Queen of Scots, disclaiming all intention of proceeding judicially as Judges.

Nov. 25. 52. Copy of the latter part of the preceding.

Nov. 25. 53. The oath which the Queen of Scots' Commissioners took before treating with those of England.

Nov. 25. 54. The oath which the Commissioners deputed for the King of Scots took to declare the causes of their rising in arms, and sequestering the person of the Queen.

Nov. 25 and 26. 55. A memorall of things passed in the Great Chamber, anciently called Camera Depicta, between the Commissioners of the Queen of England and the Queen of Scots, and also of the King of Scots.

Dec. 1. 56. The same, corrected by Cecill; and a report of further proceedings down to the 1st of December.

Dec. 6. 57. Protestation by the Queen of Scots' Commissioners, signed by the Bishop of Ross, and others.

Dec. 6. 58. Report of further proceedings between the several Commissioners in respect to the accusations made against the Queen of Scots, the protestation of her Commissioners against further conference, the declaration made to the Earl of Murray respecting his odious accusations against the Queen, his answer, &c.

Dec. 6. 59. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The odious accusations against the Queen of Scots. Danger of wavering. Lease of lands at Sion.

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60. Narrative of proceedings between the Commissioners of the Queen of England and King of Scotland:—Murray's charges against the Queen; hesitation to proceed; production of a small gilded coffer containing the Queen's letters to Bothwell, a promise of marriage to him, another marriage contract, the divorce between Bothwell and his wife, &c. [Corrected by Sir William Cecil.]

Dec. 7.

61. Copy of the same.

[Letters supposed to have been produced as evidence against the Queen of Scots.]

62. [Queen Mary to the Earl of Bothwell.] To his absence is joined forgetfulness. Brings the man on Monday to Craigmillar. He remembers unto her all he can to make her believe he loves her. He never comes in there but the pain of her side takes her. What shall she do if he [Bothwell] be not returned when she is there? Begs him to provide for all and consider well. [Undated, in English, indorsed, "Prufs, her disdayn against her husband."]

63. [Queen Mary to Bothwell.] Must the folly of a woman whose unthankfulness towards her he sufficiently knows be occasion of displeasure to him? Will not act without knowledge of his will, which she will follow all her life; if he does not send her word this night, will rid herself of it, though it may be hurtful to that to which they both tend. [Undated, in French, indorsed, "Anent the depesche of Margaret Carwod, q^ue^{re} wes before hir mariage. Prufs, hir affection."]

64. Translation of the same, in English. [Indorsed, "Cop. of a l^{et}tre from the Q. of Scott^e to the L. Bothwell."]

65. [Queen Mary to Bothwell.] Being gone from the place where she had left her heart, it may easily be judged what her countenance was. A gentleman of the Earl of Lennox's met her on the road; but she made him hold his peace. Other persons met her. The King asked why she did not lodge nigh to him, and whether she had not taken Paris and Guilbert to write. Wonders who told him so much. Minto told him he was to be killed. He prayed to her to be reconciled. If the stroke was to come from any but him [Bothwell], she should pity him. The tear is always in his eye. His father bled at the nose this day, guess what that means. Is doing a work she hates. Will he not laugh to see her so trimly make a lie? God forgive her, and knit them together. Sends a bracelet which she has worked, but begs that he will not let any one see it; to send her word what she shall do, and, whatever may happen to her, she will obey him. Can he not find some more secret invention by physic? He may do all he likes, he is the cause, and for her own revenge she would not do it. Begs him to take her efforts in good part, as coming from the most faithful lover that ever he had or shall have. [Undated, in English.]

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66. [Queen Mary to the Earl of Bothwell]. His absence and forgetfulness ; her misfortunes ; his violated promise. Sends an ornament and a "sepulcre" of stone, semée of tears and bones. Hopes he will receive her only treasure with as much joy as she has done his "marriage," which shall not leave her bosom till they are united in public. [Undated, in French, very obscure.]

Dec. 9. 67. Verses. "The Doble Dealinge of the Rebellē in Scotland." With a prologue "Tom Trothe to the envyouse." Commencing—

If tongue could tell or penne could write
The craftie cloaked case,
Or yet the treasons to recytle
Of this new Regent's grace.

[*It is indorsed by Sir William Cecill, "A rhyme in defence of the Q. of Scottē, ag. Erle Murray, &c."*]

Dec ? 68. [Queen Mary to the Abbot of Arbroath] and the rest of her faction". Her rebels confounded at the Convention at York. False promises of Queen Elizabeth. Her son to be delivered up into England. Other conditions made between her and Murray. A league made between Murray and the Earl of Hertford. Begs them to assemble their friends and to stay the return of the rebels home.

69. Another contemporary copy of the same.

Dec. 10. 70. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Danger of Bolton. Murray's stay at the English Court. Great gatherings. The Queen of Scots has sent Lord Skarling and three of her tallest servants to Scotland to stir them forwards.

Dec. 12. 71. Prolongation of the licence granted to the Earl of Murray to reside in England.

Dec. 13. 72. Thomas Bowe, Lord Mayor of London, to Sir William Cecill. London. Arrangements with Sir William Chester and a sad and discreet man named Offley, for watching the lodgings of the Duke of Chatelherault, the Bishop of Ross, and others. Details conversation at their tables. Names of persons, Scotchmen, resorting to the Duke, &c.

Dec. 15. 73. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Bolton. Begs that he may be relieved from watching the Queen of Scots, and come up to the Court. Has evidently offended her Majesty [Queen Elizabeth] when he thought he had deserved well of her.

Dec. 16. 74. The sum of the Queen's Majesty's answer to the Queen of Scots' Commissioners, in respect to the personal interview desired of her Majesty by the Queen of Scots, and stating her reasons for declining to grant it.

Dec. 17. 75. Queen Mary to the Earl of Mar. Bolton. Informs him of an intention to take her son from him and bring him into England, and to place the custody of Stirling Castle in the hands of strangers ; and begs him by his honour and the affection he bears to his country to look to the safe custody of both the one and the other. Fr.

Dec. 17. 76. Contemporary copy of the same.

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Dec. 18. 77. Robert Lord Boyd to [Sir William Cecill]. Requests a passport for himself and servants to return to the Queen of Scots at Bolton, and thence into Scotland.

Dec. 20. 78. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Francis Knollys. Informs him of the state of matters regarding the Queen of Scots; the meetings of the Commissioners; the accusations made against her by Murray in respect to the murder of Darnley; production of her letters to Bothwell; her Commissioners' refusal to proceed in the matter; her desire to defend herself in person, &c.; and desires him to impart the same to the Queen of Scots.

Dec. 21. 79. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Expresses her sorrow to find such heavy charges brought against her, and begs her to make direct answer to them, as she has advised her through her Commissioners. Commends the Bishop of Ross particularly as her most devoted and discreet servant.

Dec. 21. 80. Contemporary copy of the same.

Dec. 26. 81. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The way to win the Queen of Scots. Their great need of money. A note of plate, hangings, &c., necessary for the Queen of Scots. *Incloses,*

Bolton. 81. i. *Utensils, hangings, &c., to be supplied at Bolton for the service of the Queen of Scots.*

Dec. 26. 82. Sir Francis Knollys to Queen Elizabeth. Interview with the Queen of Scots; her refusal to answer; her complaints. The broken promise in giving audience to Murray. Threatened publication of her wrongs. No answer to be expected except a short one, on the word of a Princess. Her Majesty's [Elizabeth's] resolution. Fresh orders. Another interview with the Queen. The old humour of denial. His efforts to frighten her, and to induce her to consent to the dimission of her Crown.

Dec. 28. 83. Bishop of Ross to John Fitzwilliams, of Gray's Inn. Conference with Norfolk, Leicester, and Cecill. Articles alleged against the Queen of Scots. Begs him to submit them to their man of law, and get his defence to them in writing.

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Jan. 1. 1. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. The Queen of Scots has changed her humour. Neither money nor credit left them. Is the style of his letters offensive to her Majesty?

Bolton.

Jan. 3. 2. Knollys to Cecill. The Queen of Scots has sent answer to the Bishop of Ross. If he does not send them money, their clerk must run away as ashamed to show his face.

Bolton.

Jan. 3. 3. [Bishop of Ross to the Earl of Arundel]. The King of Spain has given full power to the Duke of Alva, and his Ambassador in England, to negotiate for a marriage with the Queen of Scots. The Duke has sent a gentleman to go to the Queen of Scots for that purpose, whom he [Ross] has stopped till he can talk with his mistress on the subject.

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Jan. 4. 4. Memoranda, by the Earl of Arundel, for the consideration of Queen Elizabeth, in respect to the furnishing the Lord James [Murray] with money, and generally in regard to the policy to be observed towards Scotland.

Jan. 7. 5. Duke of Chatelherault to Queen Elizabeth. Begs that he may be allowed to return to Scotland with her good will and favour.

Jan. 8. 6. John Lesley Bishop of Ross to the Earl of Leicester. Desires to know when he and his brother Commissioners may come before the Council to communicate certain matters in behalf of the Queen of Scots.

Kingston.

Jan. 9. 7. Answer of the Queen of Scots to a proposition which had been made to her for the resignation of her Crown in favour of her son, refusing to resign it, and stating her reasons for doing so. Fr.

Jan. 9. 8. Translation, in English.

Jan. 13. 9. Answer by the Council of England to a request made by the Commissioners in behalf of the Queen of Scots to have the letters and other writings whereupon the said Queen had been accused.

Jan. 13. 10. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Receipt of 500l. Bolton. Audacious boldness of the Duke of Alva. Murray's stay in England is discouraging to his party.

Jan. 16. 11. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Thomas Gargrave. Desires him to assist Sir Francis Knollys in conducting the Queen of Scots from Bolton to Tutbury.

Jan. 17. 12. Queen Mary to the Earl of Cassillis. Thanks for concurrence with the Earl of Argyll. He will have her presence shortly, when she will be able to recompense him. Begs him to be cautious in regard to the use of ciphers. Ere the month of March she hopes to impesch the intentions of her rebels.

Bolton.

Jan. 17. 13. Sir Francis Knollys to Queen Elizabeth. Audacious boldness of the Duke of Alva. Necessity of trusting to her Counsellors; danger to the state if she does not. Case of the Emden merchants. Bosom-creeping Italian; smooth-tongued Spanish Ambassador. Strange wares permitted to come in. Begs her Majesty to pardon his rudeness and, as she cannot make him a courtier, to dismiss him into the country.

Bolton.

Jan. 17. 14. Knollys to Sir William Cecill. His fears lest the Queen should feed the humour of that proud Spaniard too much. Has written to her, but, if he thinks his letter inconvenient, begs it may not be delivered. Necessity of submitting these weighty matters to her Counsellors. Two persons licenced by the Queen of Scots to go to France. His wish to be rid of her.

Bolton.

Jan. 18. 15. Lord Boyd to the Earl of Cassillis. Great appearance of war between Spain and England. The Queen of Scots is very glad of his good mind towards her, and no Earl in Scotland stands better in her conceit.

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Jan. 19.
Bolton.

16. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Intended removal of the Queen of Scots to Tutbury. If he be not discharged when he arrives there, he shall, as sure as God is in heaven, repair to the Court, and suffer any punishment that may be laid upon him, rather than continue in such employment.

[Jan.]

17. Memoranda of the distances of places between Bolton and Tutbury, and names of gentlemen at whose houses the Queen of Scots might be at night, Sir William Mallery, Simon Musgrave, Esq., and others.

Jan. 20.

Hampton Court.

18. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Assurances of sincerity. Desires her not to be too proud, not to be blind herself, and not to think her [Elizabeth] so. Understanding her dislike to stay at Bolton, has prepared another place more honourable and convenient, to which Knollys and Lord Scrope will conduct her. Fr.

Jan. 20.

19. A note of "guarderobe stuff, sent to Tutbury Castle by Rauf Rowlandeson, Grome of the Removinge Guarderobe of Bedds, for service of the Quene of Scottes."

[Jan.]

20. "A proportion of plate to serve the Quene of Scottes."

Jan. 21.

Bolton.

21. Henry Knoles to Sir William Cecill. Writes in behalf of his brother who is distracted with sorrow for his great loss. Impossibility of observing the order for removal of hangings for the Queen of Scots. Recommends that some stuff should be procured of Lady Shrewsbury for the present. The Queen of Scots still persists that she will not be removed without violence.

Jan. 22.

22. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Francis Knollys. Instructs him to inform the Queen of Scots of the contents of a letter alleged to have been sent by her into Scotland, containing certain manifest untruths and dishonourable assertions, and desires him to obtain an explanation of the same.

Jan. 26.
Hampton Court.

23. Instructions from Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury, on his being appointed to take charge of the Queen of Scots.

Jan. 26.

24. "Remembrances for my Lord of Shrewsbury," being memoranda respecting the custody of the Queen of Scots.

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25. Queen Elizabeth to Lord Scrope and Sir Francis Knollys. Has appointed the Earl of Shrewsbury to take charge of the Queen of Scots, and desires them to inform him of all things necessary for him to know for her safe custody, as she shall find no change for the better used towards her.

Jan. 26.

26. Copy of Queen Elizabeth's letter, desiring all persons to assist the Earl of Shrewsbury for the safe custody of the Queen of Scots.

Jan. 27.
Wetherby.

27. Henry Knoles to Sir William Cecill. Removal of the Queen of Scots to Ripon. She denies having written anything touching her Majesty, and refuses the letters as none of hers.

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Jan. 28. 28. Sir Francis Knollys to Queen Elizabeth. The Queen of Scots admits having written to Scotland respecting Murray's promise to deliver her son into her Majesty's hands, but denies any of the other scandalous parts of the letter.

Jan. 28. 29. Knollys to Sir William Cecil. Thanks God who has chastened him, and made him see his presumptuous folly. Returns thanks for helping him out of this service.

Jan. 28. 30. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecil. Removal of the Queen of Scots to Ripon and Wetherby and towards Pomfret; her reluctance and sadness. Report of an Ambassador from the Duke of Alva.

Jan. 29. 31. Sir Francis Knollys to the Privy Council. Receipt of orders to stay the Queen of Scots at Sheffield. Horses borrowed and hired by him for conducting her. The misery of his situation since the death of his wife.

Jan. 29. 32. Knollys to Sir William Cecil. Impossibility of staying at Sheffield, in consequence of Lady Shrewsbury's having conveyed all the hangings thence to furnish Tutbury. *Incloses*,

32. 1. *A note of the Queen of Scots' train to lie in the house at Tutbury.*

[Jan.] 33. "A note of utensyls for y^e Queen of Skotts at Tudberye," i.e., an account of plate, bedding, &c. necessary for her accommodation on her removal to Tutbury.

Jan. 30. 34. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Gives him permission to remove the Queen of Scots to Tutbury when he thinks fit, notwithstanding former instructions to detain her at Sheffield.

Feb. 1. 35. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecil. Lady Leviston taken ill at Rotheram. The Queen of Scots' pain in her side. They remain there [at Chesterfield] till to-morrow, lest she should feign sickness, or her disease of wind should grow cumberously upon her.

Feb. 3. 36. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scots. Her discontent at removing from Bolton. Begs her to quiet herself. If she ministers no impediment herself, all care shall be taken of her causes. Returns the Bishop of Ross and Lord Heryes, and commends them.

Feb. 3. 37. Another copy of the same letter.

Feb. 4. 38. Duke of Chatelherault to the Earl of Sussex. Denies all knowledge of a participation in certain proceedings contained in some alleged writing of the Queen of Scots, though he will not refuse to do her service to resist her disobedient subjects.

Feb. 4. 39. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecil. The Duke of Chatelherault. Fair words not to be trusted. The Queen of Scots' commands to him [Chatelherault] not to stir up any force unless pressed to do so in his own defence. The Duke has been invited there, that he [Sussex] may have an eye on him.

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Feb. 5. 40. Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Arrival of the Queen of Scots at Tutbury; her quiet receipt of his message; reduction in the number of her attendants. Want of money.

Feb. 41. Names of the attendants upon the Queen of Scots, with their offices, &c.

Feb. 5. 42. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir William Cecill. Requests her Majesty's pleasure concerning Lord Boyd, who has come there from Bolton with the Queen of Scots.

Feb. 7. 43. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Requests the Queen's pleasure respecting the Queen of Scots' desire that the Bishop of Ross should remain there with her; and whether she is to have the liberty she desires of sending letters to the Court and into Scotland.

Feb. 8. 44. Earl of Sussex to Sir William Cecill. A despatch sent off by the Duke of Chatelherault, supposed to be for the Queen of Scots. The measures which he has taken to intercept it. Has given order for the staying of all Scotchmen.

Feb. 8. 45. Henry Knolles to Sir William Cecill. Inconvenience of his position through want of provision, by reason of his hasty dispatch from London.

Feb. 10. 46. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Desires her Majesty's pleasure concerning one Beton, whom the Queen of Scots desires to keep as one of her servants.

Feb. 11. 47. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. Denies knowledge of certain letters of which he has sent her duplicates. Begs him to forget them as she will, and to continue his good will towards her. Arrangements about her attendants. Wishes the Bishop of Ross and Lord Boyd to remain with her, and that they may be lodged in the castle, as no accommodation can be found for them in the village.

[Feb. 12.] 48. Alexander Leslie to the Bishop of Ross. Informs him of the detention of the Laird of Gartlie and himself by order of the Earl of Sussex, who had prohibited their return to Tutbury.

Feb. 13. 49. Alexander Leslie to the Bishop of Ross. Orders received to allow all Scotchmen to pass freely, and consequent liberation of the Laird of Gartlie. [There is a passage in cipher attached to this letter.]

Feb. 16. 50. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Queen Elizabeth's acceptance of his service. Quiet demeanour of the Queen of Scots. Lord Boyd and the Bishop of Ross gone to lodge at Burton. His measures to watch their movements.

Feb. 18. 51. Shrewsbury to Cecill. Sends up Thomas Bishop to be examined by the Council, who had been found near Burton-upon-Trent, and had constantly resorted to the Bishop of Ross and Lord

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1569. Boyd ; had escaped thence very suspiciously, and had been taken by the bailiff of Burton while on his road to Lichfield. Forwards some letters, which had been sent to the Queen of Scots from Rotherham.

Feb. 20. Burton. 52. Bishop of Ross and Lord Boyd to Sir William Cecill. Had removed to Burton because there was no convenient lodging for them at Tutbury. While there had been visited by a Scotchman, who had been taken away to Lord Shrewsbury. Profess their honest intentions, and beg that if anything contrary be reported against them it may not be credited.

Feb. 25. 53. Answers of Thomas Bishop to interrogatories propounded to him relative to Mary Queen of Scots, and of the aid to be given her from abroad, particularly by Spain and the Duke of Alva. Bishop's conferences with the Bishop of Ross. Marriages proposed for Queen Mary.

Feb. 28. 54. Proclamation by the Queen of Scots, appointing the Duke of Chatelherault, the Earl of Huntly, and others, her Lieutenants in Scotland ; giving them power to call Parliaments, to dispense justice, to dispose of all kinds of benefices, dignities, honours, &c. [Indorsed, "*Copie of the proclamation set out by the Duke of Chatelherault.*"]

[Feb.] 55. "Resolutions to be had touching the Queen of Scots," in the handwriting of Sir F. Knollys, as to the Queen's diet, attendants, provisions, &c.

Feb. 21. 56. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Instructs him to allow the Queen of Scots permission of sending and receiving letters, in respect also to the number of her attendants, and in regard to the stay of the Bishop of Ross and Lord Boyd about her.

[Feb.] 57. Names of persons attendant upon, or attached to, the Queen of Scots.

March 2. 58. Answer of Thomas Bishop to the second interrogatories propounded to him relative to the Queen of Scots :—Details his public employments from the time of Henry VIII., and protests his loyalty and devotion to Queen Elizabeth.

March 6. Tutbury. 59. Henry Knolles to Sir William Cecill. The Queen's acceptance of his service, and wish for him to stop there. Private affairs requiring his presence in town. The suspicious behaviour of Thomas Bishop at Burton ; his connection with the Bishop of Ross and Lord Boyd.

March 7. Tutbury. 60. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. The matter of the apprehension of Thomas Bishop ; his assertions respecting himself [Shrewsbury]. The Queen of Scots' stable. Expenses of her diet, and her Majesty's resolution respecting it.

March 13. Tutbury. 61. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. Having received the copy of a proclamation made by her rebels, and a letter from Lord Herys, informing her of things so contrary to her expectations, and the promises made to her, she can refrain no longer from making her complaint to the Queen her sister by the bearer, for whom she begs credit and a plain answer. Fr.

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March 13. 62. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Letter received by the Queen of Scots from Lord Herys. Her tears, and doubts about her good sister. Reported levy of troops by Murray. Money sent him by the Queen of England. Queen Mary's daily occupations; needlework, her health, the spleen, pills, her sickness, need of a physician. *Incloses.*

62. 1. *The Mayor and Council of Carlisle to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Begs him to intercede with the Queen of Scots for payment of a bill of 286l. 1s. 4d., due to several poor men of Carlisle, March 3.*

March 15. 63. Bishop of Ross to Queen Elizabeth. In respect to an ill opinion which he grieves to hear she has conceived of him, assuring her that he has meant nothing but the promotion of a godly and loving union between her and the Queen of Scots, and that he never had conference with any of her subjects but with this object.

March 15. 64. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Suspicions excited in consequence of the visit of one of their countrymen. His own sincere and upright intentions. Begs that he may have access to his mistress the Queen of Scots.

March 20. 65. Instructions by the Queen of Scots to James Borthwick to be communicated to her Majesty and Sir William Cecill, in regard to her debts at Carlisle, the access of my Lords of Ross and Boyd to her, her liberty, the liberty of her servants to go backwards and forwards to Scotland and France, &c.

March 24. 66. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Her Majesty's pleasure for removal of the Queen of Scots to Wingfield; provisions to be made for it. Money wanted. The conversation which Mr. White had with the Queen. His care to prevent their further acquaintance.

March 30. 67. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Instructs him to communicate to the Queen of Scots her permission for the Bishop of Ross and Lord Boyd to remain near her. To inform the said Bishop and Lord Boyd of her dissatisfaction at their communication with Thomas Bishop. To inform the Queen of Scots respecting the conveyance of letters, and her debts at Carlisle.

March 31. 68. Extract of a letter from Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scots, in respect to the submission made by the Duke of Chatelherault and others to the King her son, and forwarding the articles to which they have agreed. *Fr.*

April 6. 69. Anonymous to the Bishop of Ross. Ill success of his labours at Newcastle. Proceedings taken against him [the Bishop] for the sequestration of his living. Assistance craved of Huntly. The Queen's friends in great despair through the appointment between the Duke and Lord Herries. *[Partly in cipher.]*

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April 8. Tutbury. 70. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. The liberty of access to the Queen of Scots granted to the Bishop of Ross and Lord Boyd. Her tears at the reading of the articles touching Scotland; her faith in Lord Herys; her constant access to Lady Shrewsbury's chamber.

April 17. Tutbury. 71. Shrewsbury to Cecill. Preparing to remove to Wingfield. Movements of the Bishop of Ross; his visit to Lichfield to see the Minster. The Queen of Scots' anxiety about the news from Scotland. His hourly attendance upon her.

April 22. Wingfield. 72. Shrewsbury to Cecill. Arrival of the Queen of Scots at Wingfield. Meeting with Sir George Hastings on the road. No news from Scotland. The Bishop of Ross to be sent up when it comes.

April 23. Wingfield. 73. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. Credits the Bishop of Ross, and begs that he will advise the Queen, that she may be restored to her realms and authority.

April 24. Wingfield. 74. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. Credits the Bishop of Ross, and begs him to forward his negotiation with the Queen of England, for the advancement of her request. Fr.

April 27. Wingfield. 75. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Letters from Scotland. The Queen's excessive grief, and their fruitless endeavours to appease it.

April 28. Wingfield. 76. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Scrope. Requests him not to hinder the bearer, Andrew Hamilton, whom the Queen of Scots has presently despatched into Scotland.

May 2. London. 77. Bishop of Ross to Queen Mary. His audience of the Queen of England; her kind expressions towards her; her refusal to allow her to go to France. Hardness of Lord Shrewsbury; her Majesty's wonder at it. Doings in France.

May 8. London. 78. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Sends in writing, for the consideration of the Council, the heads which the Queen, his Sovereign, has given him in commission.

[May.] 79. Articles devised by the Bishop of Ross, at the Queen's Majesty of England's commandment, for appointment to be made betwixt the Queen's Majesty of Scotland and her subjects.

May 12. Wingfield. 80. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Pills for the Queen of Scots; sickness and swooning. A visit to him in his chamber. One of her servants stayed at Carlisle. Words of grief and passion, and tears.

May 14. 81. "Memoire presentit to the Q. Ma^{tie} be the Bischop of Ross in the Q. of Scotland his ma^{res} nayme."

May 15. Wingfield. 82. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. Denies that she has transferred her title to the Duke of Anjou, and prays him not to credit such invented lies.

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May 16. London. 83. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Extreme sickness of the Queen of Scots ; begs permission for two physicians to visit her.

May 21. Wingfield. 84. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Order respecting the Queen of Scots' servants ; her thanks. Expectation of some notable goodness from her Majesty. Great increase in the number of her visitors, which much augments his expenses.

May 22. 85. Memorial of my Lords of Ross and Boyd to Master Secretary, requesting a passport for Lord Boyd to Scotland, that he may have a letter to the Earl of Murray for the relief of the Duke of Chatelherault from captivity, &c.

May 24. London. 86. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Forwards a letter from the Queen of Scots to the Council, which he had previously shown to her Majesty, and to which he desires speedy answer.

May 25. Greenwich. 87. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary, on her recovery from danger. Thanks God she heard nothing of it till the worst was past ; had any accident happened to her in this country, her own days would have been too prolonged. In the matter of Mons. D'Anjou, doubts not her honour nor her faith in what she has written, but refers to the bearer [Boyd] for her opinion on other points. Fr.

May 25. Wingfield. 88. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Arrival of the two doctors to see the Queen of Scots. Unpleasant savour in the next chamber ; removal to Chatsworth till her lodging be made sweet. Her thanks and her tears when informed of her Majesty's goodness.

May 31. 89. Memorial to Mr. Secretary, by the Bishop of Ross, requesting a letter to the Earl of Murray, that his living in Scotland may not be troubled, and desiring a passport for Lord Seton and another to go to France.

[May.] 90. The creditte committit be the Queen's Ma^{te} of Scotland, to my Lord Boyd, to be declared in Scotland, to promise the Earl of Murray and others her pardon in case they agree with the Queen of England for her restitution to her Crown and government.

June [1.] Wingfield. 91. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks for her amiable consolation ; since she has shaped the course of her ship under cover of her favour, trusts to be received into the harbour of her affection. Thanks her for her care in sending the physicians, to whose trouble and solicitude she bears testimony. Fr.

June 8. Wingfield. 92. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. In behalf of two Scotch merchants, whose ships, laden with cognac, wine, and Spanish iron, had been spoiled by some Englishmen at the Land's End.

June 8. Wingfield. 93. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Requests a warrant for money, to make the necessary provisions for the Queen of Scots.

June 15. Wingfield. 94. Shrewsbury to Cecill. Has come from Chatsworth, though in his litter, and found every man's part and duty as well answered as if he had been present himself.

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June 19. Wingfield. 95. Countess of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Extreme illness of her Lord. The order of watch and ward shall be more diligently kept until she hears her Majesty's pleasure.

June 22. 96. Queen Elizabeth to Sir John Zouche. Desires him to repair to Lord Shrewsbury's house, and attend upon the Queen of Scots during the Earl's illness, and to behave towards the Queen so that she may perceive he is a gentleman of good blood and consideration.

[June.] 97. Queen Elizabeth to [Sir John Zouche]. Desires him to attend to the Earl of Shrewsbury's charge during his illness. To remove any opinion which he may have conceived in regard to the reports made against him by one Corker, whom she means out of hand to have sharply punished; and to assure the Earl of her good opinion. [Indorsed, "Not sent."]

June 23. Wingfield. 98. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Informs her of his illness. As great regard has been had for the safety of the Queen of Scots, as though he had been in health, and will be as long as it is her Majesty's pleasure that he shall continue to have her in his custody.

June 23. Wingfield. 99. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Informs him of his illness, caused chiefly through his hasty removal from Chatsworth; and refers to the bearer.

June 24. Greenwich. 100. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Thanks God for his recovery. Sir John Zouche, who was merely sent to assist him during his infirmity, and not for any lack reported to her, may repair home at his direction.

June 25. Wingfield. 101. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Informs him of his recovery, and consequently that he has thought good not to deliver Sir John Zouche's letter, though he will not fail to use his assistance should he require it.

June 26. Wingfield. 102. Countess of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Improved health of her Lord, who looks now to his charge as diligently as ever he did.

June 26. Wingfield. 103. Countess of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Daily recovery of the Earl. God will defend her against all malice. Thanks him for his admonition, which she is sure he writes without any cause of suspicion.

June 27. Wingfield. 104. Thomas Francis to Sir William Cecill. Respecting the health of Lord Shrewsbury; how he travelled to Chatsworth in an open litter, caught an ague, drank a quart of metheglen, and then "loquaci delirio laborabat!"

June 27. Wingfield. 105. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Expresses his thanks to the Queen for sending Dr. Francis to him. The Queen of Scots being ill, he had permitted the Doctor to have access to her, of which he hopes her Majesty will approve.

July 2. London. 106. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Requests a passport to Scotland, for a poor Scotch woman, who had been at Wingfield desiring service of the Queen of Scots.

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July 3. 107. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Another attack of ague. His charge well looked to, having the daily attendance of Sir John Zouche.

July 7. 108. Shrewsbury to Cecill. The reports of his dangerous health, and of the Queen's intention to send Sir Francis Knollys to take his charge; he, being better, trusts it will not need that any other should be appointed, Sir John Zouche being daily attendant on him, according to her Majesty's pleasure.

July 11. 109. Shrewsbury to Cecill. Improvement in his health. His charge duly looked to.

July 15. 110. Shrewsbury to Cecill. The bearer will inform him about his health. Has given orders about the Musters.

July 16. 111. "The Bishop of Ross writing of the Queen of Scots' griefes against the Erle of Murrey."

July 16. 112. "The hedis and articulis gathered be the Bisshop of Ross of certaine conference had with sum of the nobilitie of England," i.e., of proposals made to the Queen of Scots of submission to the Queen of England, establishment of the protestant religion in Scotland, proposed marriage with the Duke of Norfolk, &c.; with the Queen's replies.

July 22. 113. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Gout. Being advised to try the "baynes" of Buckestones, begs the Queen's licence to go there, and that Sir John Zouche or some other may be appointed in his absence.

July 25. 114. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Requests permission to live in Lord Shrewsbury's house of Coleharbart during his stay in London.

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August 16. 1. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. Having done what she was willed to do by the Queen of England, in regard of certain allegations made against her, begs that he will advise her Majesty to aid and support her, whereby she may be restored to her realm and authority.

August 18. 2. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Excuses himself on the score of his health for going to Buxton contrary to the Queen's order, and hopes that her Majesty will not be offended with him for doing so.

August 18. 3. George Lermouth to the Bishop of Ross. Begs passports for himself, James Macgill, and others.

August 21. 4. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Desires leave to remove the Queen of Scots to Sheffield, on account of the old grief of her side, and the unsavoury state of the house there [Wingfield].

August 24. 5. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Forwards a letter from the Queen of Scots, who is desirous that he [Cecill] should be permitted to go down to her. Requests that Captain Morton, who is going to the Court, and who has spread some false reports against the Queen of Scots, may not be admitted to her Majesty's presence.

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August 28. 6. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Has received letters from the Queen his mistress, who desires that Lord Scrope, who had proclaimed a "letter of peace" on the Borders, should have order to admit her servants with their goods into England, in case they should be pursued by the Earl of Murray.

August 31. 7. Roger Cholmeley to Thomas Merryfield. Has been at Wingfield and seen the Queen of Scotland. Should have brought a letter from Lord Livingston, but for cause which he will explain when he sees him, being afraid to put the same in writing.

August. 8. Memoranda for the Bishop of Ross. The Queen of England's intention to write to Murray to desire him to raise the siege of Dumbarton Castle, &c.

Sept. 3. 9. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Earl of Leicester and Sir William Cecill. Preparing to remove the Queen of Scots to Sheffield. Denies that he has suffered any such resort to her as has been reported.

Sept. 12. 10. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Requests a further sum of money for the diet of the Queen of Scots. Expects a return of the gout, and hopes for a continuance of his friendship if he should desire it.

Sept. 12. 11. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Huntingdon and Viscount Hereford. Sends the bearer, Mr. Skipwith, to declare certain matters of importance to her service in which she depends on their faithfulness.

Sept. 12. 12. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Having further occasion to renew her commandments, has sent the bearer, Henry Skipwith, to him, as well as to some other nobles, his neighbours.

Sept. 15. 13. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Fleming arrived from Scotland. Queen Elizabeth's letter to the Earl of Murray. The order respecting Dumbarton not complied with. Hopes her Majesty will come to a conclusion respecting the affairs of the Queen of Scots, as it is time she should inform other Princes, her friends, and confederates.

Sept. 18. 14. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Directions for the sure custody of the Queen of Scots, and that he shall have the assistance of the Earl of Huntingdon and Viscount Hereford to prevent her escape. Desires authority to levy men: Is in danger from his illness, and begs to be released.

Sept. 19. 15. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Renewed instructions for the custody of the Queen of Scots. Begs sufficient authority to carry them out. Informs her of his illness that with the more speed she may have consideration to this great charge.

Sept. 20. 16. William Maitland, Laird of Lethington to the Queen of Scots. Edinburgh Castle. Ross thinks the Queen of England will never support her, nor consent that she should marry the Duke of Norfolk. If she can come to Scotland she will not have a man against her; the best plan is to get the Queen of England to send Sir Nicholas Throkmorton into Scotland. Murray always lays the burthen on the nobility. Sir

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Nicholas is wise and her friend ; if the Queen will not help her a way must be found in Scotland ; there are enough both with will and force ; the ministers will not be repugnant though John Knox is inflexible. The Laird of Grange bears her as good will as any subject she has. Had not time to write to Norfolk. Robert Melvill marvels she writes nothing to him, than whom she has not a trustier servant in Scotland. [In cipher.]

Sept. 20.

17. Deciphered copy of the same.

Sept. 21.
Wingfield.

18. Earl of Huntyngdon and Lord Hereford to Sir William Cecill. Lord Shrewsbury's opinion of the inexpediency of removing the Queen of Scots to Sheffield. Determination to take her back to Tutbury. Interview with her after evening prayers. Her complaints about her Majesty's conduct to her.

Sept. 22.
Tutbury.

19. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Removal of the Queen of Scots to Tutbury. Reasons for not taking her to Sheffield. Hopes her Majesty will take his doings in good part.

Sept. 23.
Windsor.

20. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs that he may have audience of Queen Elizabeth, according to a request which the Queen of Scots has made to her Majesty by Mr. Skipwith.

Sept. 24.
Tutbury.

21. Earl of Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecill. The Queen of Scots' attendants reduced by the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Earl's competence to take care of her ; his own wish to stay at his house at Ashby, which he hopes her Majesty will allow.

Sept. 25.

22. Queen Elizabeth to the Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon and Viscount Hereford. Renews her charge for the safe custody of the Queen of Scots, in consequence of the Duke of Norfolk, who had proposed to marry her, having fled from the Court ; and directs them to remove any suspected persons from about the Queen of Scots ; to reduce the number of her attendants ; to confine her to the Castle ; and to search the coffers of herself and her servants for any writings.

Sept. 25.
Tutbury.

23. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Queen. Expresses his thanks that the Earl of Huntingdon is joined with him for the safe keeping of the Queen of Scots, and begs, as his health is restored, that he may still be continued in the charge with which she has entrusted him.

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24. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. To nearly the same effect as the preceding, but entreating that he may be saved the discredit of having any one joined with him in his charge.

Sept. 26.
Tutbury.

25. John Bateman to Sir William Cecill. Recovery of the Earl of Shrewsbury's health ; his grief that he should be removed from his charge there ; the number of his servants increased, and the Queen's reduced. Queen Mary's sorrow.

Sept. 26.
Windsor.

26. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Assures him that no manner of doubt of his fidelity or diligence hath moved her to give him any assistance in his charge, only that she thinks it the more expedient, since the sudden departure of the Duke of Norfolk from London without her knowledge.

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Sept. 27. 27. Earls of Shrewsbury, Huntingdon, and Lord Hereford to the Tutbury Castle. Lord President and Council in the North. Having received fresh orders respecting the charge of the Scottish Queen, and some matters having been proposed touching her without her Majesty's knowledge, desire to know the state of the country under their charge.

Sept. 29. 28. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntingdon to Sir William Cecil. Tutbury. The bearer, Archibald Stewart, had brought certain letters to the Queen of Scots, which they send up to him to peruse, or to do with them as he thinks good.

Sept. 29. 29. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntingdon to Sir William Cecil. Tutbury. Their proceedings with the Queen of Scots for reducing the number of her attendants; her misliking of the matter, and her passion.

Sept. 29. 30. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecil. Explains his reasons for wishing to be alone in his charge there, but is glad now to have assistance. Has removed all suspicious persons.

Sept. 29. 31. The Earl of Arundel's first examination, touching his knowledge of the proposed marriage of the Queen of Scots and Duke of Norfolk. [*In the handwriting of Sir William Cecil.*]

Sept. 29. 32. Contemporary copy of the same.

Oct. 3. 33. Earl of Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecil. If the Duke [of Norfolk] comes to the Court, hopes that his [Huntingdon's] abode at Tutbury will not be long.

Oct. 9. 34. Interrogatories to be put to the Earl of Arundel, in respect to his knowledge of the proposed marriage between the Duke of Norfolk and the Queen of Scots. [*In the handwriting of Sir William Cecil.*]

Oct. 10. 35. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to the Queen. The Tutbury. Queen of Scots confesses to have received a letter from the Earls of Leycester and Pembroke, but refuses to show it or deliver it up to them. Sends letters from Lord Herys and the Bishop of Ross to her, which she has not seen. Explain respecting their men having gone into her chamber with pistolets.

Oct. 10. 36. Earl of Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecil. The letters sent Tutbury. by Leycester and Pembroke to the Queen of Scots; her refusal to tell where they are; her utter despair.

Oct. 10. 37. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecil. Forwards a letter Tutbury. from the Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Ross. Expediency of the apprehension of John Livingston.

Oct. 10. 38. "The Duke's Grace's [Norfolk's] petitions to me [Sir F. Knollys] the Vice Chamberlain. His confession respecting his proposed marriage with the Queen of Scots; submission to her Majesty's mercy; arrangements about her servants, &c.

Oct. 10. 39. The second examination of the Earl of Arundel, touching the Duke of Norfolk and Queen of Scots. [*In the handwriting of Sir William Cecil.*]

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Oct. 13.
Tutbury. 40. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to the Privy Council. Report their proceedings for the apprehension of one Richard Cavendish, of Nottinghamshire, but cannot find him nor any of his writings.

Oct. 15. 41. Memorial of the Bishop of Ross, praying the Queen of England's attention to matters of the Queen of Scots, to desire the Earl of Murray to desist from the siege of Dumbarton, to grant a safe conduct for Lord Boyd to come to the Queen of Scots, &c.

Oct. 15. 42. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Understanding that the Earl of Huntyngdon is in other sort there than she intended, desires that proper accommodation may be made for him and his servants in the castle, and that some of the servants of the Queen of Scots may be removed.

Oct. 19.
Tutbury. 43. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Queen. Assures her that his request to serve there alone proceeded solely from himself, and to show his zeal and affection in her service. Explains about the lodging of the Earl of Huntyngdon, and alludes to certain suspicions conceived against some servants.

Oct. 19.
Tutbury. 44. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. In regard to the Queen's suspicion that he was persuaded by some other person to seek to serve her there alone; and in regard also to her mistrust of some of his servants, of whose faith and zeal he is well persuaded.

Oct. 19.
Tutbury. 45. Earl of Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecill. Nothing imparted to him plainly, but something uttered in dark and choleric terms. Shall not agree to any alteration while he is there, but pass it over, which will please him best and prove best for her Majesty.

Oct. 23.
London. 46. Bishop of Ross to Lord Herys. Requests him to intercede with the Earl of Murray for the payment to the men of Carlisle of certain monies borrowed of them by the Queen of Scots.

Oct. 28. 47. Queen Elizabeth to the Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon. Renews her charge to them for the safe custody of the Queen of Scots, in consequence of many things which have come to her understanding since the discovery of her intended marriage with the Duke of Norfolk.

Oct. 30.
Tutbury. 48. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. In regard to a suspicion by his wife of over much good will towards the Queen of Scots, and of untrue dealing by his men, which he denies; and expresses his hope that he has better deserved of her Majesty than to be discharged in discredit.

Oct. 31.
Tutbury. 49. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to Queen Elizabeth. Cannot do so much in regard to the Queen of Scots as they wish, but assure her Majesty that she has no reason to doubt but that they will always be able to give a good account of Queen Mary's person.

Oct. 31.
Tutbury. 50. Earl of Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecill. Sends the bearer to know what shall become of his suit. Has also written to my Lord of Leycester to further his discharge.

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Oct. 51. Names of persons about the Queen of Scots, their offices, &c. With memoranda by Sir William Cecil, Fr.

Nov. 1. London. 52. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecil. Marvels at the Abbot of Dunfermline's sudden dismissal from the Court. Begs audience that he may receive a resolute answer to the Queen of Scots' divers letters, requiring her Majesty's support and aid to return to Scotland.

Nov. 2. Tutbury. 53. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecil. Sends his servant to receive the Queen's pleasure. Hopes she will have respect to his credit.

Nov. 3. Bishopgate
faulx-burgbys. 54. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecil. In reply to his information, that the Queen does not at present know cause why she should give him audience. Thinks no Ambassador in Christendom has a more urgent cause, and begs that he will again move her Majesty to consider what grief it is to the Queen of Scots, to be sequestrat from her realm and liberty.

Nov. 4. ? 55. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Meant, on account of his sickness, to have appointed another to have the custody of the Queen of Scots, but finding that he would be much discouraged thereby, continues him in his charge; desires him, however, to consider well in what manner of persons he puts his trust; and whenever he shall feel his sickness returning, to summon the Earl of Huntyngdon immediately to his assistance.

Nov. 4. 56. The Queen to the Earl of Huntyngdon. Being persuaded that her cousin of Shrewsbury will carefully attend to his charge, licenses him [Huntyngdon] to return home; but instructs him to go to his assistance, if he should chance to fall into any sickness.

Nov. 9. Tutbury. 57. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecil. Has written several letters to the Queen her good sister and received no answer. Begs that he will move her to have pity on her state; and, as she has refused the aid of all other Princes, that she will abstract her unnatural wrath from against her, and help her to be restored to her own realm and authority.

Nov. 9. Tutbury. 58. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks for permission to remain in his charge, and for her good opinion. Departure of the Earl of Huntyngdon. Illness of the Queen of Scots. Medicine.

Nov. 9. Tutbury. 59. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecil. Departure of Huntyngdon. Letters to the Queen of Scots from the Bishop of Ross; their purport. Illness of the Queen of Scots. Unjust suspicion of Lady Shrewsbury.

Nov. 14. Bishopgate
Faubourgs. 60. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecil. Begs audience of Queen Elizabeth to deliver letters from the Queen of Scots.

Nov. 15. 61. Anonymous to Mons. Bethune, the Scottish Queen's Maitre d'Hotel. Has written to the Ambassadors, the Cardinal, and to Flanders. Expediency of the Queen's writing to Lord _____. They dare hazard nothing till they hear again. [Partly in cipher.]

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Nov. 15. Paris. 62. Bishop of Glasgow to the Bishop of Ross. Receipt of his writings about the Scottish Queen. Has directed the whole to the Cardinal of Lorraine. The King too much occupied to attend to it. Appearance of quiet there. Fears for the Scottish Queen. [Partly in cipher.]

Nov. 17. Tutbury. 63. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Wicked demeanour of the two Earls in the North. Has augmented his numbers. Other arrangements for the safety of the Queen of Scots; her illness. Three stubborn papists.

Nov. 21. Tutbury. 64. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Movements of the two Earls [Westmoreland and Northumberland]. Weakness of Tutbury. Has sent for Lord Huntingdon and the Viscount. The enemy within 54 miles.

Nov. 22. 65. The Queen to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires him to prepare to remove the Queen of Scots instantly from Tutbury to Coventry.

Nov. 24. London Faubourg. 66. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Entreats audience of the Queen to deliver the Queen of Scots' letters. Requests passports for two of her servants to go to Scotland to take certain apparel, and two ambling nags, to the Prince her son.

Nov. 25. Coventry. 67. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to Queen Elizabeth. Removal of the Scottish Queen there. The citizens loyal. Their soldiers amount to 400, which they mind to continue till they know her pleasure.

Nov. 25. Coventry. 68. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Arrival of the Queen of Scots at Coventry. Will keep her out of sight, for the more she is seen the greater is the danger. Nottingham Castle a fitter place for her custody. Men required by Sir Ralph Sadleir to defend Doncaster against the rebels.

Nov. 28. London. 69. Bishop of Ross to the Earl of Leycester. Entreats him to move her Majesty to have pity on the condition of his mistress, the Queen of Scots. Recalls to his memory certain cases in which Princes have won immortal fame for aiding other Princes in like distress and extremity. Requests a passport for a servant to go to and from the Queen of Scots with open letters.

Nov. 28. Coventry. 70. Earl of Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecill. Great necessity of her Majesty's resolution concerning the Queen of Scots. Her lodging at an inn very inconvenient. Want of stuff. His companion [Shrewsbury] will make no provision. News of the rebels.

Nov. 29. Coventry. 71. Huntyngdon to Cecill. Nothing determined by them which is kept above four days. Nothing written that is not told her. Necessity of her [the Queen of Scots'] removal.

Nov. 29. Coventry. 72. Huntyngdon to Cecill. Unfitness of the Queen of Scots' lodging in an inn. My Lord [Shrewsbury] expects to go to Nottingham with her or to be discharged. The Queen wants to go to Windsor and be a courtier. The orders for her seclusion are not enforced.

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Nov. 30. 73. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecil. Wait the Queen's orders, their charges being very great, and they dare not diminish the number of their soldiers. *Incloses.*

73. I. *Names of the persons attendant upon the Queen of Scots.* Nov.

Nov. 30. 74. Names of ladies, gentlemen, and officers, attendant upon the Queen of Scots. Fr.

Nov. ? 75. A similar list. Fr.

Nov. ? 76. Memoranda for the provision of the table of the Queen of Scots and her attendants.

Nov. 30. 77. Queen Elizabeth to the Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon. Thanks them for bringing the Queen of Scots safe to Coventry. Desires them to discharge their soldiers and retain only so many as were at Tutbury. To remove the Queen from the inn into some more convenient house. The Earl of Huntyngdon to remain and assist the Earl of Shrewsbury.

Dec. 1. 78. A note of the Earl of Shrewsbury's charges for soldiers, besides her Majesty's allowance.

Dec. 2. 79. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to the Queen. Recommend Nottingham Castle as the fittest place wherein to keep the Queen of Scots. Explain why they took her to an inn. Intend moving her to-night or to-morrow.

Dec. 3. 80. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecil. Coventry. Inform him of the detention of two persons of the name of Constable, who were going towards Northumberland.

Dec. 4. 81. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecil. Coventry. Complains of the Earl of Shrewsbury for removing certain of her attendants, especially her palfreniers and lacqueys, without whom she cannot travel.

Dec. 7. 82. Earl of Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecil. Coventry. Begs that he will have his case in mind, as he hopes to be at home before Christmas.

Dec. 8. 83. Memorandum, by the Bishop of Ross, of certain matters which had passed between him and Queen Elizabeth in regard to the Queen of Scots.

Dec. 9. 84. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecil. Coventry. Thanks him for his intercession in respect to the Earl of Shrewsbury's removal of her servants. Begs that he will solicit the Queen for answer to her former letters.

Dec. 10. 85. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecil. Coventry. Has settled the Queen of Scots quietly in a house there; does not see how she can be removed again before Christmas.

Dec. 10. 86. Shrewsbury to Cecil. Coventry. Begs direction as to certain of the Scottish Queen's servants that would pass into Scotland. Arrangements about other servants. *Incloses.*

86. I. *Names of servants of the Queen of Scots that would pass into Scotland.* [Dec. 10.]

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Dec. 17. Coventry. 87. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. Expresses her satisfaction that the Queen of England has given audience to the Bishop of Ross; and hopes that she will now, without more delay, take resolution in her affairs.

Dec. 17. Coventry. 88. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecill. Send a pacquet of letters which they have received from the Scottish Queen.

Dec. 19. Coventry. 89. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecill. Letters to the Queen of Scots which they have read and delivered to her, except two in cipher, which they send back; books and a pedigree which they have not delivered, on account of which she is greatly offended.

Dec. 20. London. 90. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Sends letters sealed up by Lords Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon, begs that his own may be sent back, and a book which he hears has been sent to him from France.

Dec. 22. London. 91. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Thanks for letters from the Queen of Scots forwarded unopened. Recapitulates the several commissions he has in charge for passports, and on other matters. Complains of the detention by Lords Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon of certain letters and books which he had forwarded to her.

Dec. 24. Windsor. 92. Bishop of Ross to the Queen of England. Entreats audience, on account of imminent danger to which the life of the Queen of Scots is exposed.

Dec. 24. 93. Queen Elizabeth to the Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon. Desires them to conduct the Queen of Scots back to Tutbury, Shrewsbury to remain with her as before, and Huntyngdon to repair to the Court.

Dec. 28. Coventry. 94. Earls of Shrewsbury and Huntyngdon to Sir William Cecill. Preparation of Tutbury for the Queen of Scots' reception. The great charge the people have been at about Tutbury. Expediency of getting their fuel from Castle Hay Park.

Dec. 29. Windsor. 95. Queen Elizabeth's passport for two servants of the Queen of Scots to go into Scotland, with apparel and nags for the Prince her son.

Dec. 29. London. 96. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Requests passports for Rawlet, the Queen of Scots' secretary, and others, gone to France for the Queen of Scots' dowry; and for others to go into Scotland.

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Jan. 1. Queen Mary to Sir William Cecill. The thanks of a poor prisoner are of little value, but expresses hers for the passport obtained for the bearer, and begs him to aid her in obtaining the favour of her good sister. Fr.

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Jan. 3. Tutbury. 2. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. The Queen of Scots brought again to Tutbury. Cannot stop there unless fuel may be obtained from Castle Hay Park. Weakness of the carriages both in Staffordshire and Derbyshire, by reason of the late service against the rebels.

Jan. 22. Tutbury. 3. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Earl of Sussex. Sends his servant, Henry Downes, to Berwick, to receive some hawks promised him by the Queen of Scots, and requests a passport for him.

Jan. 24. Tutbury. 4. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Desirous to have answer to some letters, to know what Elphinstone will do at Court for her delivery into the hands of Murray. Complains of a preacher of Lichfield, who has preached in very outrageous and wild terms against her, by name. Rawlet is to be reminded of her sickness, and to make haste.

Jan. 31. Tutbury. 5. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Letters from Ross. Sandy Bog sent by Queen Mary to Scotland with parcels of stuff for her son. The Bishop of Coventry to preach before the Queen twice a week. Desires money.

Jan. 31. London. 6. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Letters from the Queen of Scots, complaining of some preachings made against her. Calumnious assertions made against her and himself of evil practices against her Majesty.

Jan. 7. "Extract out of y^e booke y^t was sent by y^e Erle of Huntyngdon from Coventry, conteining matter for y^e Q. of Scots." [A paper so indorsed by Sir William Cecill, being extracts from a book in favour of the Queen of Scots, and her right of succession to the Crown of England.]

Jan. ? 8. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Ross. Desires him on no account to leave his charge there; and to tell the Queen of England that he dares not do so, seeing that she is already offended with him "in making overtures of the rebels' Parliament."

Feb. 1. Tutbury. 9. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Reports what the Queen of Scots said to the Bishop of Ross' servant, to beg him to get an answer from her Majesty; and if she would not give one then to seek aid of other foreign Princes.

Feb. 5. Kingston. 10. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Sends a letter from the Queen of Scots, and as her Majesty [of England] will not see him, begs that he will move her to comply with its contents.

Feb. 5. Kingston. 11. Bishop of Ross to Queen Elizabeth. Expresses his sorrow at the alteration in her accustomed goodness towards him. Assures her of his good feeling, and entreats her to pay some regard to the afflicted state of the Queen, his mistress.

Feb. 12. London. 12. Bishop of Ross to Queen Elizabeth. His grief that his actions there should be so misconstrued; begs to be heard in his defence; and that she will take some order in the affairs of the Queen of Scots.

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Feb. 12. London. 13. Bishop of Ross to the Privy Council. To the same effect as the preceding, complaining of his treatment, being the Queen of Scots' Ambassador, begging to know the cause why he is so restrained, and that he may have liberty to defend himself.

Feb. 12. 14. Memorandum of expenses incurred by the Earl of Shrewsbury in the custody of the Queen of Scots, since her first arrival at Tutbury.

Feb. 15. Tutbury Castle. 15. John Bateman to Sir William Cecill. Informs him of the proceedings taken by the Earl of Shrewsbury to prevent a suspected practice by the Queen of Scots' servants to effect her escape, and of the offence taken by the Queen of Scots thereof.

Feb. 21. Tutbury. 16. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Unquietness of the Queen of Scots. Communication with her which he cannot prevent; necessity of removing her. Scarcety of fuel; water.

Feb. 23. London. 17. Bishop of Ross to Lord ——. His distress at his [Ross'] committal. Nothing can be proved to blot his conscience or his honour. Begs that he will intercede with the members of the Council in his behalf.

Feb. 28. Tutbury. 18. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Horse, armour, and weapons. Illness of the Queen of Scots. Thanks for a warrant for money. Grieved that Leonard Dacre hath so forgotten his duty.

Feb. 28. Tutbury. 19. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Necessity of removing thence as his servants are falling sick on account of the water; knows no place so fit as Chatsworth to remove to.

March 11. Tutbury. 20. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Letters to and from the Queen of Scots. Looks to hear touching her removal.

March 11. Tutbury. 21. Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth. Begs order for the deliverance of her Ambassador [the Bishop of Ross], and that, in his absence and hers, her enemies may not acquire greater power to injure her. Fr.

March 14. 22. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Authorizes him to remove the Queen of Scots from Tutbury to Wingfield.

March 29. Tutbury. 23. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Preparing to remove the Queen of Scots to Wingfield; had made preparations at Chatsworth, which he thinks the fittest place of the two to receive her.

March 31. Bishop of London's House. 24. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs him to move the Queen that his liberation be no longer delayed. Requests a passport for Mr. Henry Ker, arrived from Paris and desirous to go to the Queen of Scots.

April 10. Tutbury. 25. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Returns thanks for the discretion allowed him of removing the Queen of Scots either to Chatsworth or Wingfield, and states his intention accordingly to remove her to the former place.

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April 10. *Tutbury.* 26. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Has written letters of remonstrance on his detention. Requests that he will remonstrate that her Majesty should have sent an army into Scotland, as is bruited, to assist her rebels.

April 12. 27. Articles and offers presented to the Queen's Majesty of England and her most Hon^{ble} Council, by the Bishop of Ross, touching the affairs of the Queen of Scots.

April 12. *Bishop of London's House.* 28. Bishop of Ross to the Queen of England. Entreats to be released, and that he may have audience to execute his instructions from the Queen of Scots.

April 12. *Bishop of London's House.* 29. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Has written to the Queen to be released, and begs that he will concur in procuring him a favourable answer.

April 14. 30. The examination of Alexander Harvey, of Aberdeen, respecting his knowledge of a book called "The Defence of the honour of the Queen of Scots," compiled by Lord Herys, Lord Boyd, and the Bishop of Ross.

April 16. *Bishop of London's House.* 31. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Thanks for the Queen's humane answér. Has put his mind into writing, which he begs may be well pondered, for the comfort of the Queen of Scots. Begs to be relieved from confinement.

April 26. *Bishop of London's House.* 32. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs the release of his servant Alexander Harvey, who has been committed to the Fleet on account of the little treatise written in defence of the Queen of Scots.

April 30. *Bishop of London's House.* 33. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs an answer to his last letter for audience, and the relief of his servant, Harvey, and requests passports for Mr. Henry Ker, and the old Abbot of Dunfermline.

May 6. *Bishop of London's House.* 34. Bishop of Ross to the Earl of Leycester. Entreats him to move the Queen for his relief, and answer according to their Lordships' promises. *Incloses,*

34. i. *The conference had by the Earl of Leycester, Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Keeper, and Master Cecill, Secretary, with the Bishop of Ross, Ambassador for the Queen's Majesty of Scotland, in the Lord Keeper's house at London.*

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May 7. *Bishop of London's House.* 35. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Sends the bearer to receive her Majesty's answer concerning his release, and that of his servant in the Fleet.

May 7. 36. Memoranda, by Sir William Cecill, of matters brought forward at a meeting of the Privy Council of England, at Hampton Court, respecting the Queen of Scots.

May 11. *Bishop of London's House.* 37. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Thanks him for his answer respecting the relief of his servant, and entreats him to move the Queen for his own release.

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May 13. 38. Mary Queen of Scots to the Prince of Parma. In favour of Colonel Stewart; and his desire to be restored to the goods and lands of his wife, a Fleming. Fr.

May. 39. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Begs him to give orders to the post at Doncaster for the conveyance of his letters to Sheffield.

May 18. 40. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Thanks for procuring the Queen's consent to his release. Begs to know whether he may have audience, and desires the release of his servant.

May 23. 41. Queen of Scots to Sir William Cecill. Begs his advice how she may obtain the Queen's favour. Thanks him for the release of the Bishop of Ross, and requests him to further his audience of her Majesty. Fr.

May. 42. Queen of Scots to the Privy Council. Thanks for the release of the Bishop of Ross, and begs he may have audience. Requests that the English army may not enter Scotland.

May 24. 43. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Letters received by the Queen of Scots from the Bishop of Ross. She still harps upon one string, to have access to her Majesty, and thinks it hard to yield her son in pledge, and her strongholds.

May 25. 44. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs audience of the Queen, having received letters and credit from the Queen of Scots.

May 31. 45. "Bishop of Ross' memorall," of matters to be required by him of the Queen of England:—Passports for himself and others to go to the Queen of Scots, for others to go to Scotland; for the release of his servant from the Fleet; and for the Queen of Scots' liberty.

June 2. 46. Bishop of Ross to the Earl of Leycester. Forwards the duplicate of a letter which he has received from Scotland, and which he wishes may be communicated to her Majesty, by which will be perceived the good will that Lethington hath to entertain amity between the two realms.

June 6. 47. The Earl of Leycester, the Lord Chamberlain, and Mr. Secretary to the Bishop of Ross. The Queen having heard of a long and secret conference which he lately had with the Earl of Southampton, has commanded them to require him to signify forthwith what was the occasion of his meeting with the said Earl, and what were the matters communed upon between them.

June. 48. Queen of Scots to Sir William Cecill. Is in hope, from the kindness shewn to her in permitting the Bishop of Ross to have conference with her, of a more perfect intelligence and friendship with the Queen of England, to which she begs he will give his assistance.

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June 19. London. 49. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Just returned from Chatsworth. Brings tokens and letters from the Queen of Scots, to deliver which he begs audience. Professes honourably towards her Majesty; had he been otherwise minded he should have chosen a graver companion than the Earl of Southampton.

June 2. London. 50. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs audience. Lord Livingston is reported to have been stayed at Alnwick in his way to Scotland, which is a hindrance to the whole treaty.

[June 26.] 51. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Assures him of the Queen of Scots' persuasion of his friendship towards her, and begs his further assistance in her behalf. [Not signed.]

June 29. London. 52. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Incloses an extract of his "credit" from the Queen of Scots, as he declared it to her Majesty [of England] at his last audience. Begs that Lord Livingston may be released, who had been arrested on his road to Scotland. Incloses,

52. 1. *Extract of the instructions given by the Queen of Scotland to the Bishop of Ross, in respect to the required delivery up of her son into England, and other matters. June 29.*

July 10. Chatsworth. 53. Queen Mary to the Countess of Lennox. Had she not been condemned wrongfully, her duty of writing would not have been omitted so long. Requests advice as to the projected transporting of her little son, and only child, into England.

July 12. London. 54. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs audience of her Majesty to deliver letters from the Queen of Scots.

July 26. Chatsworth. 55. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. No conference with the Queen of Scots without her Majesty's permission. Impossible to prevent her servants receiving letters unless they are kept as prisoners. She thinks herself ill used.

July 26. Chatsworth. 56. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Assures her that no strangers have resorted to the Queen of Scots without her licence. Certain of his private friends had come to see him, but he has given order that they shall not be admitted in future.

July 27. Chatsworth. 57. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Begs a warrant for money for the diet of the Queen of Scots.

July 30. Limehouse. 58. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Has received letters from the Queen of Scots, and begs audience to deliver them.

August 5. Chenies. 59. Warrant ordering the detention of certain costly apparel, hangings, and jewels of the Queen of Scots, which had been secretly conveyed from Scotland into England, without her consent, to be sold. Signed by the Earl of Leycester, Sir Francis Knollys, Sir James Croft, and Sir William Cecill.

August 9. Blair Athol. 60. William Maitland, Laird of Lethington, to the Queen of Scots. Return of Lord Livingston to Scotland; intention to assemble her friends in consequence; difficulty of their meeting; hostility of the Earl of Sussex against them. Proposition for an abstinence

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refused. Movements of their enemies. Money received which he has sent to Grange. Grange's difficulties; his refusal to acknowledge the new Regent. Lord Seton going to Flanders, and then to France. Injuries done to Lord Home by the English. His [Lethington's] belief that the Queen of England will make no accord with her. [In cipher.]

August 9. 61. Contemporary decipher of the same.

August 13. 62. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs audience of the Limehouse. Queen on some necessary business concerning the Queen of Scots.

August 15. 63. Laird of Lethington to the Bishop of Ross. Arrival of Lord Blair Athol. Livingston. His efforts to draw a meeting of the nobles, and to procure an abstinence from the Earl of Sussex; conditions required by Sussex, and his refusal to agree to an abstinence. Approaching Convention of the Lords. Difficulty of finding Commissioners to go to England. His persuasions to induce Athol to go. Athol's good will to the Queen of Scots. Impediments offered to Livingston in his journey to Scotland. Support required for Dumbarton. Norfolk at liberty. The Queen of England's deceit. The required delivery of the Prince into England, and of Dumbarton Castle into the hands of the English. A plan to effect the Queen of Scots' escape; his fears about it. Severity of Lennox. [In cipher.]

August 15. 64. A contemporary decipher of the same letter.
Blair Athol.

August 18. 65. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. No answer from Scotland Chatsworth. from Lord Livingston. Lord Shrewsbury told her that her Borderers were the hinderers of her affairs, through incursions which they daily make upon the English, which she cannot believe, at any rate marvels that the burthen should be laid upon her.

August 21 66. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Begs that the faults of Islington. the Queen of Scots' subjects should not be laid upon herself. Requests him to move her Majesty to stay the expedition of the Earl of Sussex on the Scottish Borders.

[August.] 67. Duke of Chatelherault, Earl of Huntly, and the Earl of Argyll to the Duke of Alva. Inform him of the detention of the Queen of Scots by the Queen of England; her hostile proceedings against the supporters of the Queen of Scots; destructive incursions of the English army into Scotland, &c., and credit the bearer, Lord Seton, instructed to beg his support.

Sept. 6. 68. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Lord Sussex's journey in Scotland forces him to return towards her Majesty. Has written a letter which he begs may be presented. Fears that the Queen of of Scots will despair of all goodness when she hears of this rigour.

Sept. 8. 69. Margaret Countess of Lennox to Sir William Cecill. Re-Somerset Place. quests his intercession with the Queen, that the Queen of Scots may not be sent back into Scotland, she having been the only means of the murder of her husband, and her return being likely to prevent the Earl of Lennox from serving her Majesty [of England] in Scotland as she desires.

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Sept. 14. 70. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. His proceedings to prevent any secret practices with the Queen of Scots. Her grief that the passages are stopped, so that she cannot receive any intelligence out of Scotland.

Sept. 10 & 15. 71. Duke of Chatelherault, and Earls of Argyll and Huntly to Queen Elizabeth. Credit the bearers, the Bishops of Ross and Galloway and Lord Livingston, commissioned by them to move her Majesty to set at liberty the Queen of Scots, and restore her to her realm and authority.

Sept. 17. 72. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Sorry for his sickness which had apparently stayed the permission required for him [Ross] to go to Scotland. Has received letters from the Queen of Scots, upon which he requests audience.

Sept. 21. 73. Countess of Lennox to Sir William Cecill. Sends letters which she has received from her Lord from Scotland, by which he will see the perils and dangers that will happen, if that realm should understand the "parlementyng" with the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 22. 74. Memoranda of the Bishop of Ross, of matters required by him of the Queen of England:—For free passage of Commissioners; the Earl of Lennox to retire from Scotland till the end of this treaty, and requesting passports for himself and others to go to the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 26. 75. Queen Elizabeth's safeconduct for the passage of any two nobles of Scotland, out of a certain number named, to pass to England to the places where the Queen of Scots may be, and thence to the Court of England.

Sept. 76. Countess of Lennox to Sir William Cecill. Thanks for his commendations. Does what she can in her Lord's affairs. Had sent some books and a letter concerning John Moon.

[Sept.] 77. "Matters necessarily to be required of the Queen of Scots for the particular commodity of the Queen's Majesty and her realm."

[Sept.] 78. Commission by Queen Elizabeth, appointing Sir William Cecill and Sir Walter Mildmay to treat concerning the matters of the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 79. "Reasons to move the Queen of Scots to assent to the articles to be proposed to her in the name of the Queen of England, stating the injuries done by her towards the Queen of England, and the favours shown to her by her Majesty." [In the hand of Sir William Cecill.]

[Sept.] 80. Another copy of the paper entitled "Matters necessarily to be required of the Queen of Scots by the Queen of England."

Oct. 81. "Memoire of things to be advisit for answering to the articles upon the treaty."

Oct. 5. 82. A paper of notes, by the Queen of England's Commissioners, on certain of the articles of the treaty which they had submitted to the Queen of Scots.

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1570. 83. Countess of Lennox to Sir William Cecill. Informs him of a conversation she had had with the Queen touching the Queen of Scots and the Earl of Lennox.

Oct. 5. Windsor. 84. Bishop of Ross to the Duke of Norfolk. Informs him of a private communication between the Queen of Scots and Mr. Secretary Cecill, who has promised to be her friend, and to procure her audience of the Queen of England; and who approves of the projected marriage between her and Norfolk.

Oct. 11. Chatsworth. 85. Articles delivered to the Queen of Scots by Sir William Cecill and Sir Walter Mildmay, the Commissioners of the Queen of England; with the Queen of Scotland's answers and requests thereto; also the Queen of England's resolutions upon the same.

Oct. 13. 86. Extract of articles proposed for the treaty, respecting the appointment of twelve persons in Scotland for the settlement of controversies respecting lands in Scotland, the restoration of those forfeited for assistance to the Queen, &c.

Oct. 13. 87. A proviso to be inserted in the treaty with the Queen of Scots. *[In the handwriting of Sir William Cecill.]*

[Nov.] 88. Instructions given by the Duke of Chatelherault, and the Earls of Huntly and Argyll to the Bishops of Galloway and Ross, to treat with the Queen of England in behalf of the Queen of Scots.

Nov. 21. Chatsworth. 89. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Concerning the arrestment in France of the ships and goods of her rebels. Desires him to complain to the Queen of England of the wrongs and violences committed upon her subjects by the Earl of Lennox.

Nov. 22. Chatsworth. 90. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir William Cecill. Requests instruction about giving the Bishop of Galloway access to the Queen, who he understands is coming from Scotland to see her.

Nov. 27. Chatsworth. 91. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Complains of illness, on account of which Lord Shrewsbury intends to remove her to Sheffield. Desires him to thank the Queen of England for her offers, who may be her best physician by granting her requests.

[Nov. 28.] 92. A brief note of the things done by the Earl of Lennox and his adherents, contrary to their promises made to the Earl of Sussex, by which they have violated and broken the abstinence.

Dec. 11. Sheffield. 93. Bishop of Ross to Sir William Cecill. Particulars of the illness of the Queen of Scots. None in the world can so well cure her malady as the Queen of England, and that without offence to her conscience or her honour.

Dec. 11. Sheffield. 94. Bishop of Ross to Queen Elizabeth. Informs her of the illness of the Queen of Scots, and of its cause; and implores her Majesty to save her life by taking some good and speedy order in her

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Dec. 17. 95. John Nullett to the Bishop of Ross. Referring to a matter respecting Bothwell; knows nothing beyond what is reported publicly. Nothing concluded by the Ambassador though he does his duty. Fr.

Dec. 26. 96. Queen of Scots' Commission to the Bishops of Ross and Galloway and Lord Livingston, her Ambassadors and Commissioners, to treat with the Queen of England.

[1570.] 97. A brief note of all the treaties that have passed for the Scottish Queen's enlargement, and the several causes why they took not effect, since her repair into this realm, which was in anno 1568.

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Jan. 6. 1. Francis Cave to the Earl of Huntingdon. Apprehension of George Douglas, a schoolmaster of Prestwold in Leicestershire; a letter of his to the Queen of Scots. Hard frost. *Incloses*, *Lat.* *Undated.*

1. i. *George Douglas to the Queen of Scots. Apologies for his presumption in writing. His zeal in her cause. Thanks for her support in his education at Paris. Her sorrow will be converted into joy, to the discomfiture of the heretics.* *Lat.* *Undated.*

1. ii. *Examination of George Douglas, Priest:—His education at Paris under the patronage of the Queen of Scots; his subsequent occupation as a schoolmaster in various parts of England, and his reasons for writing to the Queen of Scots.* *January 5.*

Jan. 8. 2. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Desires him to thank the Queen of England for sending two physicians to her for the recovery of her health. Hopes that she will relieve her of her unquietness of mind, by taking speedy resolution for the restoration of her authority.

Jan. 15. 3. Bishops of Ross and Galloway and Lord Livingston to the Laird of Fernhurst and others. Report their favourable reception by the Queen of England, and express their hope that she will take speedy resolution in the Queen of Scots' affairs. Desire them, as they value the Queen of Scots' welfare, that they will refrain from attempting anything within their bounds that may seem hurtful to England or any subject thereof.

Jan. 16. 4. Replies to certain answers made by the Earl of Lennox to complaints alleged against him of injuries done by him during the abstinence; delivered to the Earl of Sussex and Sir William Cecil by the Bishop of Ross and the rest of the Queen of Scots' Commissioners.

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Jan. 18. 5. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Sends the Laird of Gartlie to him, being desired to put away some of her attendants by my Lord of Shrewsbury. Her health not established. Good news of her affairs through the aid of her good sister will serve more to her convalescence than all the physic in the world.

Jan. 19. 6. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Hearing of some secret preparations of horsemen in Scotland, desires him to look more nearly to his charge.

Jan. 24. 7. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Sends the bearer for the wine which the perfumer left with him; also for some other drugs, more cinnamon water, and the virginals.

Feb. 4. 8. Answer to the notes of the injuries alleged to have been done by the Queen of Scotland's party since the granting of the last abstinence.

Feb. 8. 9. Reply to the same, made by the Abbot of Dunfermline and the Commissioners on the part of the King of Scots.

Feb. 8. 10. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Desires him to request the Queen of England to grant a passport for her Ambassador in France, the Archbishop of Glasgow, to come to England on certain affairs connected with her domains and dowry in France.

Feb. 18. 11. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Ross. Complains of the delays in her affairs made by the Queen of England, and of a consequent return of her illness.

Feb. 21. 12. "Short answers to the four principal points before remembered," touching a treaty with the Queen of Scots. [*In the hand writing of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper.*]

Feb. 13. Answer of the Commissioners of the King of Scots in regard to certain letters which had been written by Lord Herys to the Queen of Scots' Commissioners, and by the Laird of Grange, and various others.

[Feb.] 14. "A note of letters sent to the Queen of Scots and the Bishop of Rosse," addressed from France; with short abstracts of their contents.

March 4. 15. Testimonies to prove that the Queen's Majesty of Scotland has been unjustly removed from the possession of her Crown of Scotland. [*Indorsed by Lord Burghley, as "delyvered by the Bishop of Ross."*]

March 7. 16. "A note of certain heads thought of for the pacification betwixt the Queen of Scots and her subjects for the controversy of the title of the Crown betwixt her and her sonnie, yf it be found probable that her dimission of the Crown may be and is lawfully to be revoked by her."

March 12. 17. Answer made by the Queen of Scots' Commissioners to certain articles proposed by the Lords Commissioners of England, in respect to the delivery up into England of the Prince of Scotland as security or hostage for the Queen of Scots in the event of her restoration to her authority.

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March 14. 18. Another copy of the same answer, embodying the notes made in the margin of the preceding.

March 14. 19. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Begs he will receive a minute of the answers required, but requests they may not be given to their adversaries as nothing is yet concluded.

March 20. 20. William Kyrkcaldy, Laird of Grange, to the Commissioners of the Queen of Scots in England. News of the prolongation of the abstinence; his orders to divers Lords that it may be well kept. Outrageous conduct of the Earl of Lennox. Nine men put to death at Paisley. A proclamation by the Earl of Lennox commanding all men to leave him [Grange] on pain of death. Must stand on his guard.

March 22. 21. Lord Herys to the Commissioners of the Queen of Scots in Terregles. Details the ill state of Scotland, and the violent measures pursued by the Earl of Lennox against all the adherents of the Queen of Scots.

March 23. 22. Declaration made by the Queen of England to the Commissioners of the Queen of Scots, stating what passed between her and the Earl of Morton in respect to the proposed restoration of the Queen, and Morton's return to Scotland.

March 25. 23. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. In favour of John Tringham, a poor Scotchman, who has an action depending before my Lords of the Secret Council.

March 26. 24. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Thanks for leave to be absent from the Parliament, but would have been glad to have done his duty to her Highness. Will not fail to await for the party he made mention of.

March 30. 25. Queen Mary to the Earl of Morton. Promises him pardon when she is restored to her Crown by the aid of her good sister, if he will confess his past offences, amend in future and live as a true and faithful subject to her.

March 31. 26. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. A long letter of remonstrance on the delay used towards her, alluding to the want of authority pretended by the Earl of Morton and his associates, to go on with the treaty; the surety required of her in the event of her restoration, &c. Fr.

March 31. 27. William Chisholm Bishop of Dunblane to the Laird of Gartlie. A long letter about the Cardinal of Lorraine, and his unwillingness to deal with the Bishop of Glasgow in the matters of the Queen of Scots.

April. 28. Reply by the Commissioners of the Queen of Scots to the answers made to their former complaints about the violation of the abstinence, the taking of Paisley, &c.

April 1. 29. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Hopes he will tell him of any practices made for the Queen of Scots' escape. Desires his furtherance of a suit he has made to the Queen.

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April 1. 30. [Charles IX. King of France] to his Ambassador Mons. Virac. Has received his letters detailing what had passed between him and the friends of the Queen of Scots. Will inform him of his intentions soon; meantime he is to assure those to whom he is directed of his [the King's] good will towards the Queen of Scots. Fr.

April 2. 31. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Have received answer from the Queen of Scots, and are ready to deliver it to the Queen's Majesty when she will admit them [Queen Mary's Commissioners] to her presence.

April 9. 32. Thomas Randolph to the Laird of Ormistoun or his wife. London. No news of their son in France. No hasty provision is necessary for their Queen's home coming, untill he [Randolph] comes himself to prepare her way.

April 10. 33. Thomas Randolph to Nicholas Elphinstone. London. By Morton's coming they have gained a point over their enemies, who have not got what they looked for. All wicked doers will come to a mischievous end. False report spread by the Bishop of Ross respecting the taking of Dunbar.

April 10. 34. Thomas Randolph to the Earl of Lennox, Regent of Scotland. London. His enenies have got much less than they looked for through the wise dealing of my Lord of Morton. Congratulates him on the capture of Dumbarton.

April 10. 35. Thomas Randolph to the Earl of Morton. London. The Bishop of Ross spreads abroad a report that it is Dunbar and not Dumbarton which is captured. The Bishop of Galloway defends the Queen of Scots with great eloquence, and his son has written a book in her defence. Hopes he will be "treated well" when he comes home.

April ? 36. William Herle to Lord Burghley. The Marshalsea. Has brought a certain matter to a full issue, and desires to know when he can make report of the same to him. A man named Charles committed to the Marshalsea, a minister to the Bishop of Ross, and a dangerous fellow.

April 11. 37. Anonymous [William Herle] to Lord Burghley. Reports concerning Malachias, who wished to come to his [Lord Burghley's] presence, and who had quarrelled with the Spanish Ambassador; also concerning one Ramsden, and Charles [Bailly], a Queen of Scots' man, who had been concerned in the ill dealings of the Bishop of Ross; also respecting one Swavingham.

April 12. 38. Queen Elizabeth to Mary Queen of Scots. Informs her of the reason why she has been forced to forbear from the late treaty, but expresses her full intention to continue it to some good end.

April 16. 39. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Requests the delivery of a pacquet which Lord Cobham had intercepted. Promises that not one of the letters shall be used except as he thinks fit. Hopes the Queen will conceive no ill of him.

April 16. 40. William Herle to Lord Burghley. Marshalsea. Particulars which he has learned from Charles [Bailly] confined there, respecting Scottish affairs, the Bishop of Ross, a vessel of Fife to come to Blackwall, the taking of Dumbarton Castle, severity of Lennox, &c.

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April 17. Alnwick. 41. Earl of Morton to Lord Burghley. Informs him of the particulars of three separate devices for the escape of the Scottish Queen, one being that she could cut her hair, blot her face and body with filth, as though she were some turnbroche of the kitchen, and so convey herself away.

April 18. Westminster. 42. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Warns him of enterprises talked of for the escape of the Queen of Scots, and begs him to look more circumspectly to her safe custody.

April 20. Sheffield. * 43. Queen Mary to M. Virac. Being informed of certain propositions which the Earl of Lennox has made to him which threaten her life by poison, and certain indications there tending to the same point, she wishes to have proof against him. Fr.

April 21. 44. Bishop of Ross to Queen Elizabeth. In respect to displeasure conceived against him on account of certain intercepted books, and begging that he may be admitted to her presence to justify himself.

April 22. Marshalsea. 45. William Herle to Lord Burghley. Reports particulars learned from Charles [Bailly] and W. Berthelet concerning the Bishop of Ross and Scottish matters.

April 23. Sheffield. 46. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Thanks for advice; shall look carefully to his charge. The Queen of Scots makes small account of the loss of Dumbarton. Her sickness; her desire to ride; her anger with him. Reduction in the number of her attendants.

April 24. Sheffield. 47. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Particulars of one Talbot, of Lancashire, of whom he will beware.

April 24. 48. William Herle to Lord Burghley. Particulars of an interview with Charles; his alarm; his communication with the Bishop of Ross; the English rebels, &c.

April 25. 49. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Begs him to intercede for the liberation of his servant, also for poor Charles; and to remember George Douglas for a passport. Expresses his determined intention to deal honestly.

April 27. 50. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. His audience being delayed, fears that some evil opinion is conceived against him, but begs that his servants may be relieved.

April 27. Close Prison. 51. William Herle to Lord Burghley. Communication with the Bishop of Ross. The Irish Bishop wishes to go to the common goal. The Scot told John Pole in secret that Charles had 3 or 4 ciphers by rote, and that he kept no writings about him; begs nevertheless that his cap may be searched well.

April 28. 52. Anonymous to the Bishop of Ross. His letter has amazed him wholly; they shall rend his poor carcase rather than he will betray the least tittle of their affairs. Charles is committed to the Tower, not so much, he thinks, for any extremity as to divide them asunder.

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April 30. 53. William Herlle to Lord Burghley. The Bishop of Ross' suspicions of him; his fears lest Charles should discover him; his complaints of Charles being put to the rack; his refusal to write to Herlle, &c.

[April.] 54. Queen of Scots to _____. Offers to be made to Grange, the Captain of Edinburgh Castle, from the Earls of Leycester and Sussex. Overtures to Lennox, that Sussex may have the government of Scotland. Lennox assured of help from England. Morton's expectation of becoming Regent. Succour to be asked of the King [of France] for the castle of Edinburgh. Fr. [The names in cipher.]

[May 2.] 55. Charles Bailly to the Bishop of Ross. Is confined in a rheumatic and unwholesome cave without a bed; begs relief, and that he will send him a bed, sheets, &c.

May 3. 56. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Sends letters from the Queen of Scots. New order taken by the Earl of Shrewsbury respecting the Queen of Scots' attendants. Reminds him of his prayer for the liberation of his servants. *Incloses*,

56. I. *A new order made by the Earl of Shrewsbury to be observed by the attendants of the Queen of Scots; to retire to their chambers at nine o'clock, not to wear swords, &c.*

April 26.

56. II. *Certain heads written by the Queen of Scotland to the Bishop of Ross, to be shown to the Queen's Majesty of England, and thereupon to obtain her Majesty's answer. The state of her health; leave asked to send to France for physicians, liberty requested to travel about in England, &c.*

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May 4. 57. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Has at last brought the Queen of Scots to lessen her people to as near thirty as he can, though not without tears. *Incloses*,

57. I. *Names of the attendants, and of their offices, who are to remain with the Queen of Scots.* Sheffield, May 3.

57. II. *Names of those who are to depart from the service of the Queen of Scots.* May 3.

May. 58. Copy of the two preceding papers. Fr.

May 5. 59. Alexander Gordon, Bishop of Galloway, to Lord Burghley. A Commission appointed to confer with the Queen of Scots' rebels. Religion to remain as established. Desires permission to attend upon the Queen till the time of her deliverance, at his own expence, with twelve persons.

May 11. 60. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Requests the office of a person deceased. The Queen of Scots' wonder at not hearing oftener from the Bishop of Ross. Conferences of George Douglas with her. Arrival of one Boyd from Scotland.

May 13. 61. John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Begs that Fitzwilliams may have licence to speak to the Queen of Scots to obtain her letter to the King of Spain for the release of their men.

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May 14. 62. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires him to inform the Queen of Scots of the discovery of sundry practices of the Bishop of Ross, for which she has been obliged to restrain him from his liberty, and not to treat him any more as an Ambassador.

[May.] 63. Memorial of certain requests made by the Bishop of Ross on his being ordered into confinement, that he may write to the Queen of Scots that a certain number of servants may remain with him, &c.

[May.] 64. Copy of the same.

May 18. 65. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Communicated the purport of the Queen's letter concerning the Bishop of Ross. She denies any communication with Rodolfi. Other questions put to her. She denies any practice against England.

May 18. 66. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Communication to the Queen of Scots of the wicked practices of the Bishop of Ross, and the restraint put upon him. Her trouble and tears.

May 21. 67. Requests made by the French Ambassador to the Queen of England respecting the matters of the Queen of Scots. Fr.

[May.] 68. Queen Elizabeth's answers to the same. [*In the handwriting of Lord Burghley.*]

[May.] 69. Memoranda, in French, of other requests made to the Queen of England in behalf of the Queen of Scots, respecting her treatment, the number of her attendants, &c.

May 25. 70. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Requests him to forward a letter to the Queen of Scots, and begs his interest for his release, being ill and not able to be cured without the air of his native country.

June 3. 71. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. The Queen of Scots consented to write to [the King of Spain] in behalf of the English prisoners; her illness; her anxiety about the Bishop of Ross.

June 4. 72. Queen of Scots to Lord Burghley. In behalf of the Bishop of Ross, who she is sure can have done nothing but what is becoming to him as her faithful subject and Minister.

June 7. 73. John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Letters procured by Fitzwilliams from the Queen of Scots to the King of Spain. A book of gold with the old service in Latin sent by her to the Duchess of Feria. Hopes the matter will be so managed that Fitzwilliams will not suspect him.

June 9. 74. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Glad of the Queen's intended progress towards Tutbury, where it will give him great comfort to see her. Has apprehended Rolston, and confined him at Wingfield. Has delivered the letters of the Bishop of Ross to the Queen of Scots.

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June 13. Sheffield. 75. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Has sent Rolston to my Lords of the Council. Thinks he feigns sickness. The Queen of Scots very blythe at the assembly of her friends. Her trouble in not hearing daily from the Bishop of Ross as she used.

June 22. Ely House. 76. Bishop of Ross to the Queen of England. A long letter of remonstrance on his confinement, disclaiming any ill intention towards her Majesty or her kingdom, and defending his appeal to certain foreign Princes in behalf of the Queen of Scots.

June 22. Ely House. 77. Bishop of Ross to the Queen. A contemporary copy of the preceding letter.

June 22. Ely House. 78. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Begs him to deliver his letter to the Queen, and to procure an answer to it.

June 26. Ely House. 79. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Begs that he will procure him a favourable answer from the Queen respecting his delivery.

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July 5. Ely House. 1. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Denying that he had ever invented or maintained any sedition or rebellion in England; referring to his conduct in Scotland, as a judge, for nearly twenty years, where he had the esteem of all parties, and begging that he will not change his good opinion of him.

July 10. Leith. 2. Mons. Virac to the Queen of Scots. Denies that the Earl of Lennox had made any proposition to him touching her life, and wonders who could have given her such information. Fr.

August 6. Chatsworth. 3. John Bateman to Lord Burghley. Lord Livingston's intention to leave the Queen of Scots; her trouble about it. Comfort received by her from France. Her intention to escape if she can.

August 8. 4. "The Conference had by the Bishop of Ross with the Earl of Sussex, Lord Burghley, and others, at Hampton Court," respecting his alleged practices with Rodolphi to stir rebellion in England. [The Bishop's own narrative.]

August 9. Sheffield. 5. John Gordon to Lord Burghley. Complains of being restrained from the presence of the Queen of Scots. Denies that he has done anything improper. As to the book of which Mr. Randolph complains, it is against rebellion in general and not ended, but he will send him the first copy when it is finished.

August 10. Hendon. 6. Earl of Leycester to Lord Burghley. The Queen's pleasure respecting the Bishop of Ross. The Bishop of Ely is to remove immediately, to keep the Bishop of Ross from all intelligence, and that he be not by any means allowed to speak to the Ambassador.

August 10. 7. A note by the Bishop of Ross of letters which he desires may be delivered to him, when his study is visited by Mr. Kyngesmyll and Mr. Windebank.

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August 11. 8. Thomas Windebank to Lord Burghley. Reports the searching of the Bishop of Ross' study, and of the letters which he found in it.

August 12. 9. Bishop of Ross to the Queen of Scots. Reasons for not writing lately. One letter sent to her, to which he received no answer. Causes of his restraint, as declared to him by the English Council. Still to be detained. His answers to them. Appeal to Lord Burghley.

August 12. 10. Bishop of Ross to the Earl of Leycester and Lord Burghley. Ely House. Thanks them for procuring so discreet a gentleman as Mr. Skipwith to bear him company in his restraint. Hopes that they will not let the matters of his mistress, tending to her liberty, fall into oblivion.

August 12. 11. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Ely House. Begs that some letters may be returned to him which had been detained by Mr. Kyngesmyll and Mr. Windebank because they were partly in cipher.

August 13. 12. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Sheffield. Reports concerning some disorder in the house of the old Countess of Northumberland, and concerning one Mr. Wentworth, whom he suspects, and who was to have been an actor in a design for the Queen of Scots' escape.

August 14. 13. Mr. Henry Kyngesmyll to Lord Burghley. Ely House. The Bishop of Ross is desirous to have answer to certain requests made by him, and to know if he may write to certain of his friends.

August 14. 14. Bishop of Ross to M. Fénélon. Ely House. Commanded by the Queen of England to retire into the country. Interview with him refused. Thanks to the King of France for his favour to the Queen of Scots, and his efforts in her behalf. The accusations of the Council against him; his answers. His negotiations with Ridolfi. Fr.

August 15. 15. Mr. Henry Kyngesmyll to Lord Burghley. Ely House. The Bishop of Ross' approaching departure. The Bishop of Ross' anxiety to hear from the Queen of Scots. His large letters to the French Ambassador; purport of them.

August. 16. Extract of two letters of the Queen of Scots of the 25th July and 17th August, in French; and notes of requests made by the French Ambassadors in behalf of the Scottish Queen, for her liberty.

August 17. 17. Queen of Scots to Mons. de Foix. Sheffield. Her satisfaction at his arrival. Refers to M. Fénélon who has the whole burthen of her affairs since the imprisonment of the Bishop of Ross. Begs that, if he is going to make any treaty with England, she may be comprised therein. Fr.

August 17. 18. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Ross. Sheffield. Had written letters for his relief, to which she has received no answers. Is every day worse treated. Complains generally of the behaviour towards her of the Queen of England, and especially in his imprisonment. An account of the unjust charges made against him.

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August 17. 19. A "memoir" of the Queen's Ma^{te} [of Scotland] to the Bisshop of Ross, her Ambassador, anent her Ma^{te} pleasure for ondertaking with sic of her Ma^{te} servaunds as hes this quhile bypast remained with the said Bisshop." [Signed by Queen Mary.]

August 17. 20. A copy of the same.

August 17. 21. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Expresses his willingness to obey her Majesty's commands for his removal, though he has received no answer from the Queen of Scots. Hopes that God will move her Majesty's heart, to take the Queen of Scots into her favour.

August 17. 22. John Bateman to Lord Burghley. Suspicions of unquietness from the men of Lancashire. Lord Shrewsbury's vigilance. The Queen of Scots' anger at his preventing Makinson from talking with her or her people.

August 17. 23. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. The Queen of Scots offended with him about Makinson. The Bisshop of Ross' letter to her. • Her desire to write to the French Ambassador; her complaints of her letters being intercepted, &c.

August 19. 24. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Privy Council. Apprehension of the old Countess of Northumberland's servants. Requests he may put order to her house she being of great age and led to popery by those about her.

August 19. 25. Margaret Countess of Lennox to Lord Burghley. Requests him to procure audience of the Queen for Cunningham, who has brought letters from the Earl of Lennox.

August 20. Anonymous to the Queen of Scots. Lennox's intention to assault the town [Edinburgh]. None so bent against her as those who have deceived her. Their great need of money. [With No. 34.]

August 20. 26. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Informs him of the purport of certain letters he has received from the Queen of Scots; and of her wishes respecting his attendants.

August 20. 27. Bishop of Ross to the French Ambassador in England. Sends a "memoire" of the Queen of Scots touching his servants, and begs his assistance to carry out her wishes. Fr.

August 28. 28. John Nullet to the Bishop of Ross. The Duke of Medina to be the new Governor of the Low Countries for his Catholic Majesty. Expresses his desire to serve the Queen of Scots. Fr.

Sept. 1. 29. James Bethune, Bishop of Glasgow, to the Bishop of Ross. Paris. Begs that he will write to him of the state of his affairs. Expresses his astonishment that he has received no answer to letters sent to the Queen their mistress three months since. Fr.

Sept. 1. 30. —— Bethune to M. Livingston, attendant to the Queen of Scots. Money matters of the Queen of Scots. Assurances of friendship.

Sept. 1. 31. Bishop Bethune to Ninian Winzet. Thanks for letters and Acts of Parliament. He [Winzet] will be satisfied as to his gaiges and pension shortly.

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[Sept.] 5. Edinburgh Castle. 32. William Maitland, Laird of Lethington, to the Queen of Scots. Money brought for them by the French Ambassador. Their great want of money. Defection of Argyll and others. Good service done them by Archibald Ruthven. Intended siege of Edinburgh. Particulars of an attack made upon the adverse party at Stirling; prisoners; Lennox killed; Morton saved by Buccleuch; Buccleuch made prisoner. [In cipher.]

[Sept.] 5. Edinburgh Castle. 33. A contemporary decipher of the same.

Sept. 5. 34. Another letter in cipher, with interlinear explanation, from one of the Queen of Scots' party in Edinburgh Castle, giving particulars of their attack on Stirling, and the death of the Earl of Lennox.

[Sept. 5.] 35. Copy of another letter from one of the same party on the same subject; the attacks on Leith and Stirling, and death of the Regent Lennox.

Sept. 5. London. 36. Mons. de la Mothe Fénélon to the Bishop of Ross. Reports the reception of Mons. de Foix at the English Court, and their negotiations respecting the proposed marriage of Queen Elizabeth with the Duke of Anjou, and the liberty of the Queen of Scots. Fr.

Sept. 7. Edinburgh. 37. Duke of Chatelherault, Earl of Huntly, Lairds of Lethington and Grange to Catherine de Medici, the Queen Mother of France. Return thanks for her good will towards the Queen of Scots, in obedience to whom they are all resolved constantly to persevere. Fr.

Sept. 8. 38. Bishop of Ross to the Queen of Scots. Letters received from Makinson. Intends to write to Lord Burghley to move the Queen in her Majesty's affairs, for the Council promised him to enter into treaty again, after the Parliament to be held in Scotland in August.

Sept. 8. 39. Names of the Queen of Scots' people remaining at Sheffield Castle. [Signed by the Earl of Shrewsbury.]

Sept. 9. Sheffield. 40. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. The Queen of Scots' sorrow about the removal of certain of her servants. His own trouble in the matter; Lord Livingston's desire to come up to the English Court; his refusal to allow him to do so. Illness of Lady Livingston.

Sept. 11. Sheffield. 41. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Begs that he may have the Queen's licence to remove the old Lady Northumberland to her own house, she having been taken away by Francis Wortley to his mother's house at Wortley, a solitary place where none resort but papists.

Sept. 11. Sheffield. 42. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Letter sent away secretly by the Queen of Scots. Scornful conduct of one Robinson in prison. The discharged servants of the Queen of Scots dare not go into Scotland, and request that they may go into France.

Sept. 16. Sheffield. 43. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Sends one of his servants with certain ciphered letters which had been taken from a French boy, and which George Douglas had instructed him to deliver to the Queen of Scots.

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Sept. 17. London. 44. Mons. De la Mothe Fénélon to Lord Burghley. Entreats him to intercede with the Queen of England for the better treatment of the Queen of Scots, and that more attention may be paid to the King of France's intercession for her.

Sept. 21. Sheffield. 45. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Has dispatched the Queen of Scots' servants. Ill reports against him about the old Countess of Northumberland.

Sept. 21. Somersham. 46. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Reminds him of a promise which was made to him by the English Council to take some good order in the affairs of the Queen of Scots after the Parliament had been held in Scotland, and begs him to move the Queen to restore him to liberty.

Sept. 22. Somersham. 47. Richard Cox, Bishop of Ely, to the Privy Council. Reports his searching the chamber and chests of the Bishop of Ross for letters, and incloses what he found.

47. i. *Inventory of the letters of the Bishop of Ross sent to the Court. [In the handwriting of the Bishop of Ross, and signed by the Bishop of Ely.]* September 21.

Sept. 30. Paris. 48. Roberto Ridolfi to the Queen of Scots. Particulars of his journey to Flanders and Rome. Success of his negotiations with the Duke of Alva and his Holiness the Pope. His voyage to Spain. Reception by King Philip, who assured him of his zeal for her cause. His voyages are held in great suspicion by the Queen of England, and this prevents his return. Ital.

Oct. 4. Sheffield. 49. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Reports his having stayed the old Countess of Northumberland in the Queen's name from going suddenly into Shropshire, and states his reasons for having done so.

Oct. 14. 50. Lord Burghley to the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Queen's intention to write to him. Sends packets for his charge, and "occurrents" from the Low Countries.

Oct. 17. 51. [Francis Bertie.] A mail. Pretended doings for the Queen of Scots. Interview with Lord Cobham. The bird caught. His errand to Higford. Practices of the Duke. A letter from Ridolfi. The cipher. The Bishop of Ross. Substance of the letter from Ridolfi, which he deciphered for the Bishop.

Oct. 18. 52. Memoranda by Lord Burghley. Names of prisoners in the Tower. Matters to be charged against the Duke of Norfolk in respect to his attempted marriage with the Queen of Scots, &c.

Oct. 20. Sheffield. 53. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Sends particulars of the communications of one Lascelles with the Queen of Scots, with the knowledge of the Countess of Shrewsbury.

Oct. 22. Chatsworth. 54. Countess of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Gives him particulars of her communication with one Hersy Lascelles, who had repeated to her his conversations with the Queen of Scots regarding her marriage with the Duke of Norfolk.

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 Oct. 22. 55. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Warns him to look vigilantly to the safety of the Queen of Scots, who she suspects will be seeking means to escape from him; and desires him to reduce the number of her attendants.

Oct. 24. Sheffield. 56. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his warning. They shall buy her dearly. If Sir Henry Percy will be a traitor he had as lieve deal with him as any other. Has given orders to his son and others to give them a banquet, which will make them repent coming.

Oct. 25. Sheffield. 57. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Receipt of the Queen's orders respecting the Queen of Scots. The Queen of Scots despairs of her Majesty's favour.

Nov. 7. Sheffield. 58. Queen Mary to M. de la Mothe Fénélion. Difficulty of communication with him. New rudeness and threats. Is quite at their mercy. •Overtures made to her by the Earl of Shrewsbury. Resolved to die Queen of Scotland. Begs the help of the King of France. Requests that the Queen of France will intercede with the Queen of England, that her linen and that of her women may not be searched by the men there, but that Lord Shrewsbury or his lady will procure her some laundress whom they can trust. Fr. [In cipher.]

Nov. 7. 59. A contemporary decipher of the same.

Nov. 8. The Tower. 60. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Begs him to forward a letter to the Queen of Scots. Waits for the Queen's favour and his liberty.

Nov. 10. 61. The Duke of Norfolk's confession in respect to his proposed marriage with the Queen of Scots, entitled "A brief declaration of those things which I have omitted in my examinations, touching the whole proceedings with the Queene of Scots, either by myself or any other to my knowledge before my first trouble or since."* [19 pages].

Nov. 13. Sheffield. 62. Mary Queen of Scots to M. de la Mothe Fénélion. Sends a cipher. Has not received a letter he speaks of. As to the Queen of England's promise to satisfy the King of France as to her affairs, expects no better of it than of others which have been made to her. Fr. [In cipher.]

Nov. 13. 63. Contemporary decipher of the same.

Nov. 18. Sheffield. 64. Mary Queen of Scots to M. Fénélion. Begs that he will send her some cinnamon water and nutmegs. Air and exercise are forbidden her, and this much advances the decline of her health. Dares not write more, having received no answer to her other letters. Fr.

Nov. 19. Sheffield. 65. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Sends ciphered letters which had been brought for the Queen of Scots; and remarks on divers persons who were concerned in the conveyance of her correspondence.

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Nov. 22. **66.** Mary Queen of Scots to M. Fénelon. Complains of a Latin book just published against her, and begs him to write to the King of France to resent such an outrage. Had asked for a priest to administer the Holy Sacrament to her, in lieu of which they have given her a defamatory book by an atheist, Buchanan, whom they have also appointed preceptor to her son. Fr.

Nov. 22. **67.** Mary Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Ross. Doubts about his letter, which seems to be like Esau's hand and Jacob's voice. Fears the time is not meet to press a meeting with her sister. Has been restrained in her chamber ten weeks. Suspects no danger of her life, and will do her duty to preserve it, though it shall not be much to her grief to leave it.

Nov. 23. **68.** John Bateman to Lord Burghley. Letters received by the Earl of Shrewsbury, declaring the Queen's pleasure for the removal of the Queen of Scots, and that she should be committed to the custody of some persons of meaner estate. The Earl is ready to comply with the Queen's wishes, but doubts how the removal may affect his own honour.

Nov. 23. **69.** Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. The Bishop of Ross' letters to the Queen of Scots; her discontent at them. Though the Bishop does as they would have him, yet they shall find her, she says, to be a Queen, and to have the heart of a Queen.

Nov. ? **70.** Fragment of a letter in cipher, and contemporary decipher of the same; the purport unintelligible.

Dec. 10. **71.** Queen of Scots to the Lairds of Lethington and Grange. Cannot believe the reports that they have appointed with her rebels. Prays them to remain constant. Friends beyond sea hold good, waiting convenient time to put to their hands. [*In cipher.*]

Dec. 10. **72.** Contemporary decipher of the same letter.

Dec. 10. **73.** Queen of Scots to Lord Seton. Instructs him to learn the Duke of Alva's intention in answer to her various ciphers; and when he shall be in Scotland, Lethington and Grange will make him participant of what she has written. [*In cipher, with decipher.*]

Dec. 12. **74.** John Bateman to Lord Burghley. The Earl of Shrewsbury's contentment with her Majesty's letters. The Latin book against the Queen of Scots, which she attributes to the atheist Buchanan; other books, Queen Mary's sickness.

Dec. 16. **75.** Cuthbert Reid to the Bishop of Ross. Sends particulars of a slaughter in Scotland between the Gordons and Forbeses.

Dec. 17. **76.** Sir Owyn Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower to Lord Burghley. Forwards a letter to the Bishop of Ross from his steward. The Bishop's cook desires leave to go to France.

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Dec. 20. 77. Bishop of Ross to Cuthbert Reid. Begs him to get licence from Lord Burghley to visit him. Not to suffer his cook to depart. As Christmas is coming, to send him some wild fowls such as partridges, pheasants, turkey cocks, &c, and to prepare some rings with turcas stones.

Dec. 22. Westminster. 78. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires him to hold himself in readiness to attend her on a certain day in January next. Will send Sir Ralph Sadleir to attend the Scottish Queen during his absence.

Dec. 22. 79. The same letter, slightly altered.

Dec. ? 80. Robert Makesoun to the Bishop of Ross. Troubled by a hackneyman for hire of a horse, whom he begs he will satisfy. Deprived of everything since the departure of Cuthbert Reid. [With a postscript in Italian by Angelo Marie, asking payment of wages.]

Dec. ? 81. "Extract of a breefe discourse conteyning a true declaration of y^e frendly and honest part kept at all tymes by y^e Bishop of Rosse towards y^e Duke of Norfolk and others y^t were touched in y^e late proceedings, written in manner of an apologie for his defence."

1571? 82. Articles of the Lord Seton's negotiating with the Duke of Alva. [In the handwriting of Sir William Drury.]

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Jan. 3. Sheffield. 1. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Lord Burghley. My Lord and Lady Shrewsbury's carefulness in their charge. Interview with the Queen of Scots; her complaints of the hard and unjust dealing used towards her.

Jan. 4. London. 2. Mons. de la Mothe Fénélon to the Queen of Scots. Sends her certain things obtained in France, necessary for her health. Compliments of the New Year. Desires to know of her welfare.

Jan. 8. The Tower. 3. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Renews his suit to be set at liberty. Supposes that some sinister information has come to his mistress, as he has not heard from her since his committal.

Jan. 9. Sheffield. 4. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Lord Burghley. Complaints of the Queen of Scots. His justification of the severity used towards her. The attempts of herself and her adherents prejudicial to the state of England; her denial of these attempts.

Jan. 9. Sheffield. 5. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Lord Burghley. Salves, ointments, cinnamon water, oranges, and lemons brought to the Queen of Scots. A letter from the French Ambassador to her, which he opened before delivering it; his suspicions about it; the Queen's reply to it.*

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Feb. 1. 6. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Has received divers letters from her which she refrained from answering, as she could not do so to her contentment, but her last letter being so full of uncomely and passionate speeches, she writes to move her to qualify her passions, and to reflect that it is not the way to get good things by using evil speeches and challenges, and by doing ill to herself.

Feb. 1. 7. Another copy of the same letter, slightly altered.

Westminster.

Feb. 1. 8. A note of certain things to be declared by the Earl of Shrewsbury to the Queen of Scots from the Queen's Majesty, for answer of certain letters of late time sent to her by the said Queen of Scots.

Feb. 1. 9. Queen Elizabeth to the Countess of Shrewsbury. Thanks her for her faithful service, in continuance of which she will find her a friendly good mistress.

Feb. 1. 10. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Licences him to return to Court on the Earl of Shrewsbury's going back to his charge at Sheffield.

Feb. 1. 11. Sir Owyn Hopton to the Earl of Leycester and Lord Burghley. Desires to know if the Bishop of Ross is to pay his own charges in the Tower; he has hitherto been served after the degree of a Baron.

Feb. 2. 12. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Begs a warrant for money due for the diet of the Queen of Scots.

Feb. 7. 13. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Stayed Mr. Chancellor [Sir R. Sadleir] for one day, that he might hear the Queen of Scots' answers to the several notes which he delivered to her.

Feb. 14. 14. Answer by Queen Mary to a "Memoir," signed with the hand of the Queen of England, and presented to the Queen of Scots by the Earl of Shrewsbury, respecting Queen Mary's alleged pretention to the Crown of England, her imprisonment, the murder of Darnley, Bothwell's trial and acquittal for that murder, the assurance from Queen Elizabeth through faith in which Queen Mary fled into England, the circumstances which preceded her marriage with Lord Darnley; her intended marriage with the Duke of Norfolk, and other important matters. [*Fourteen pages in French, signed by Queen Mary.*]

Feb. 15. 15. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Begs him to intercede with the Queen for his release, having been ill of the ague, and not having heard a word from his Queen or his country since he was confined there.

Tower.

Feb. 18. 16. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. The Queen of Scots' long answer to her Majesty. Her great eagerness to walk out, so that she was content to step over her shoes in the snow.

Sheffield.

Feb. 28. 17. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Punishment of some of his servants who had conveyed letters for the Queen of Scots. Her rough words to him in consequence.

Feb. 28. 18. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Reports the detection of his servant Morgan, Cuthbert Reid, and others, in conveying letters for the Queen of Scots.

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Feb. 19. Decipher of an intercepted letter, endorsed "Reasons to persuade the King of Spain to invade England in favour of the Queen of Scots about Don John's time."

Feb. 20. "Extract out of y^e negotiation of y^e Lord Seton, entituled, Reasons to perswade y^e Catholyk King to declare himself for y^e Scotish Queen." Fr.

March 4. Sheffield. 21. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Has sent to apprehend Thomas Morgan. Will forward his examinations. Stormings and threatenings of the Queen of Scots.

March 6. Sheffield. 22. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Departure of Thomas Morgan towards London; writes this that he may be apprehended on his arrival. Has "laid" for the boy he writes of, but doubts of his coming, because he has lately punished such on the pillory. The Queen is still more unquiet.

March 9. 23. Earl of Shrewsbury to John Bateman. The Queen of Scots was never so unquiet; now she must entertain new friends with more French crowns, and this hinders her turn marvellously.

March 10. The Tower. 24. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Begs relief. Cannot get at his apparel by reason of the absence of Cuthbert Reid, his servant, who has not been near him for some time past.

March 15. Sheffield. 25. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Sends up Thomas Morgan, and a Scotch boy who will accuse him, and Reid, and others, to their faces.

March 16. 26. Memoranda about the Queen of Scots by Lord Burghley. Indorsed "Memorall for the stay of Du Crocq, upon intelligence of the Scot. Q. pract. with the D. of Alva."

March 28. 27. "A consideration of y^e matter of Scotland on y^e part of the Queen's Majesty of England," on the justice of her detention of the Queen of Scots, in respect to the horrible strange murder of her husband, her marriage with the murderer Bothwell, &c.

March 28. 28. A contemporary copy of the same paper.

March 28. 29. A consideration of the matter of Scotland, for both parts, France and England. [*Imperfect.*]

[March 28.] 30. Another paper "Of the part of the Fr. King."

March 30. 31. Duke of Chatelherault and Earl of Huntly to the Queen of Edinburgh. The state of their proceedings requiring that some gentleman should be sent by them to declare the same to her Majesty, they beg to know whom she will think fittest of those presently in their company.

[March.] 32. "Extract of a booke written by the Bishop of Rosse, entituled, The Discourse of the Queen of Scottes' affairs in England since the 11th of Aprill till y^e 26th of March 1572," in respect to practices with the Duke of Norfolk for foreign aid, &c.

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March 7. 33. Other memoranda from the Bishop of Ross' book, respecting "the practice of marriage with the Duke of Norfolk."

April 4. Sheffield. 34. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Begs licence from the Queen to remain at home at the feast of St. George. Unquiet and melancholy fits of the Queen of Scots.

April 6. Sheffield. 35. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Will provide honest men according to his letter. Great discontent of the Queen of Scots.

April 15. Sheffield. 36. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Information of certain persons, carriers of letters, &c., to and from the Queen of Scots.

April 21. Tower. 37. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley and the Earl of Leycester. Remonstrates on their determination to send his servant Reid into Scotland, and begs them to move the Queen for his own liberty.

April 22. Sheffield. 38. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Glad of the Duke of Alva's trouble at home; the Queen of Scots' hope of him; her misery. Thanks for the appointment of Francis Talbot to follow my Lord Admiral into France.

April 30. Sheffield. 39. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. Complains of her silence. Requests a decisive answer in her affairs. It is time that she should have some clothes and other necessaries, even if they be such as are permitted to prisoners. If anything is done in the Parliament to the prejudice of her title, she shall appeal against it. Requests permission, on account of illness, to go to the baths at Buxton. Fr.

May 1. Sheffield. 40. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. The Queen of Scots' letter to her Majesty. Her illness. Requests money for her diet.

May 4. Sheffield. 41. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. The Queen of Scots' illness. Buxton not likely to cure her. Her stout speech and her threats.

May 5. London. 42. Gilbert Gerrard, Attorney General, to Lord Burghley. Sends an examination of the Bishop of Ross, and remarks on his obstinacy.

May 8. Tower. 43. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Having received no answer to his letters to the Queen of Scots, supposes that she has taken offence against him. Has drawn up a paper of comfort out of the Scriptures, which he hopes he shall be allowed to send to her. Hopes that certain things which he communicated to the Queen of England will not be used to his discredit. Has been imprisoned nearly a year, and begs to be released.

May 10. Sheffield. 44. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Reports the imprisonment of a Scotch fellow named Douglas, who had arrived there from Edinburgh with letters concealed in a leather bag.

May 19. London. 45. Account of stuffs, satin, taffetas, hats, linen, &c., delivered to Mons. de Pinguillon by John de Compiègne, the Queen of Scots' tailor, to be conveyed to the said Queen in England. Fr.

May 19. 46. Another copy of the same paper.

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May 20. 47. "Reasons to move the Queene's Ma^{ts} conscience to proceade wth seueritie in this case of the late Queen of Scotts." *Indorsed by Burghley*, "A Wrytyng exhibited by y^e clergy of y^e higher houss to y^e Q. Ma^{ty} at St James' to move hir Ma^{ty} to assent to justice ag. y^e Scott. Quene."

May 26. 48. Bishop of Ross to Mons. Fénélon. Begs his assistance in regard to a sum of 500 crowns demanded of him for his entertainment since his imprisonment there. Fr.

May 28. 49. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Glad that some good law is intended by the Parliament for avoiding any peril that may happen through the Scottish Queen. Her sickness and her complaints.

June 10. 50. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Deadly hate of the Queen of Scots against her Majesty. Her passion of sickness when she heard of the Duke's death; doubts of her recovery.

June 10. 51. Queen of Scots to Lord Burghley. Has heard the unpleasant news which he had desired might be communicated to her by the Earl of Shrewsbury, and has written an answer to Mons. de La Mothe, which she begs may be delivered.

June 11. 52. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires him to assist Lord De la Warr, Sir Ralph Sadleir, and others, whom she has sent to the Scottish Queen to impart unto her certain matters wherewith she is to be charged.

June 11. 53. "Certen articles conteyninge matters wherewth the Quene of Scotts may be charged by the Lorde La Warr, Sir Ralph Sadler, Doctor Wilson, and S^r Thomas Bromley, Solicitor General."

June. 54. "Matters wherewith the Queen of Scottes is to bee charged."

June 11. 55. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Credits Lord De la Warr, Sir Ralph Sadleir, and others, whom she has been forced to send to her, to charge her with divers wrongs committed by her, and with whom she desires she will deal plainly.

June 11. 56. Copy of the same.

June 12. 57. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Sickness of the Queen of Scots; pretended danger of her life; over much physic and bathing. The Duke's death.

June 17. 58. Queen Elizabeth's letter to the Queen of Scots of June 11, described above.
Certain articles wherewith she may be charged, of the same date.
The Scottish Queen's protestation before her answers given to the articles aforesaid. June 17.
The answers of the Scottish Queen to the said articles. June 17.

June 17. 59. The articles wherewith the Scottish Queen is to be charged, [June 11,] and her protestation before making answer; and her subsequent answers to the same. June 17.

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June 17. 60. Another copy of the Queen of Scots' answers to the charges made against her.

June 17. 61. Another copy.

June 19. 62. Mary Queen of Scots to Mons. Fénelon. Informs him of the proceedings of the Queen of England's deputies against her, and of her refusal to acknowledge their authority. Fr.

July 7. 63. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Reports the visit of Monsieur Dardeye to the Queen of Scots; her joy at seeing him; the letters she would have sent by him; and her refusal to send them open.

July 9. 64. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Hamilton's petition refused by the Queen of Scots, on account of his religion. Begs his Lordship's remembrance of his late request about the young Lord Wharton.

July 9. 65. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Queen of Scots' thanks for her Majesty's clemency. Requests money.

July 12. 66. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Letters delivered to the Queen of Scots from France; her complaints that they were open.

July 30. 67. The forme of the abstinence grantit be my Lord Regentis Grace and Lordis subscruand with him to the Lordis within the castell and toun of Edinburgh and thair adherentis. [Black letter, single leaf.] *Inprinted at Edinburgh by Thomas Bassandyne.*

August 10. 68. William Maitland, Laird of Lethington, to the Queen of Scots. Edinburgh. Castle. Difficulty of conveying letters; the strait they are in. James Kirkcaldy sent to France before Zule [Christmas], and no answer received yet. France favours their adversaries; cruelty of their adversaries. An abstinence for two months. She must provide for the safety of the castle. Necessity of her winning the Queen of England. [In cipher.]

August 10. 69. A contemporary decipher of the same.

August 22 and 25. 70. James Kirkcaldy to the Lairds of Grange and Lethington. Marriage of the King of Navarre and Madame Margaret. Assassination of the Admiral [Coligny]. Particulars of the massacre of "them of the religion" by the French King, his brother Mons. de Guise, and divers other Princes.

August 22 and 25. 71. Contemporary decipher of the same letter.

Sept. 15. 72. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Returns thanks for the office of Earl Marshal. Ciphered letters. A new practice in hand for the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 15. 73. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Queen of Scots' servants. Intercepted letters. Office of Earl Marshal.

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Oct. 10. 74. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Particulars of John Sacheverell and his son, nothing inferior to his father in papistry. The Queen of Scots complains of illness, by reason of the restraint of her liberty.

Dec. 17. 75. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Informs him of the illness of Francis Talbot, and of his consequent stay at his [Shrewsbury's] house in Nottinghamshire.

Dec. 24. 76. Queen Mary to the Earl of Leycester and Lord Burghley. Thanks for their care in the conveyance of some letters.

Dec. 24. 77. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. An admonition from the Queen. The Queen of Scots' dislike of the government of Morton. Has "laid" Derbyshire and Staffordshire for Revell, as he has been commanded. Requests money.

Dec. ? 78. M. Fénélon to Lord Burghley. Request him to write to Lord Shrewsbury respecting the Queen of Scots' attendants, and that she may send some one into France.

Dec. ? 79. A long letter to some Scottish Nobleman, addressed to him as a friend of Queen Mary's, defending her title to the English throne, and pointing out that the only way to help her and to restore the kingdom to its ancient glory, is "to reconcile themselves to God, and to his only one true spouse the Roman society of faithful men." [Imperfect.]

1572. 80. A letter in cipher addressed to the Archbishop of Glasgow, Ambassador for the Queen of Scotland resident in France.

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1573.

Jan. 14. 1. Lairds of Lethington and Grange to the Queen of Scots. Recommencement of the war against the castle. If France will "do" for her, her cause shall be maintained in spite both of the Regent and England. They are victualled for a year. If England helps the Regent they shall be put to greater strait. [In cipher.]

Jan. 14. 2. Contemporary decipher of the same letter.

Jan. 17. 3. Lairds of Lethington and Grange to Mons. Fénélon. Siege of the castle by their enemies. Their confidence unless their enemies are assisted by England. Have written to the King of France. Begs him to represent their condition to the King and to request him to assist them. Fr. [In cipher.]

Jan. 17. 4. Contemporary decipher of the same.

June 7. 5. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Articles for delivery at Edinburgh Castle. The Queen of Scots' discontent; her grief nips her very near.

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August 18. 6. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. In regard to a consent which she had given that the Queen of Scots should be taken to the wells at Buxton, and begging him to be very watchful of her, as she has understood within these two or three days that there is some practice in hand to set her at liberty.

1573.

7. A discourse conteyning a perfect accompt geuen to the most verteous and excellent Princesse Mary Queene of Scottes, and her nobilitie, by John Leslie, Bishop of Rosse, Ambassador for her Highnes towards the Queene of England, of his whole charge and proceedinges during the time of his embassade, from his entresse in England in September 1568 to the 16th day of November 1573. pp. 229. [This work has been printed in Anderson's Collections relating to the History of Mary Queen of Scotland, Vol. iii. Edinburgh, 1727.]

Oct. 16.

Rye.

8. Henry Gaynier to Lord Burghley. Practices of Adam Gordon at the Court of France. Arrival of two men from Scotland, directed to the Queen of Scots.

Nov. 8.

Sheffield.

9. Queen Mary to La Mothe Fénélon. Her joy at the receipt of letters from her parents in France. False reports made of her to Queen Elizabeth. A letter which she has written to her in her justification. Compliments to Burghley, Leycester, and Walsyngham. Fr.

Dec. 2.

10. W. Hayworth to the Earl of Leycester. Details the intentions of the disloyal papists of Lancashire to remove the Queen of Scots, and entreats him to take heed of them.

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Feb. 1.
St. Germain.

11. Cardinal of Lorraine to the Queen of Scots. Want of means of writing to her before. His hopes to see her free from trouble and elevated to her proper dignity before he dies. News of the King of Poland, the Duke of Maine, D'Elbeuf, the Duke of Guise and Montmorency. Commendation of the Bishop of Glasgow. Begs her to be patient and to dissimulate a little time, and he will do the utmost for her he can. Fr. [In cipher.]

Feb. 7.
Paris.

Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. Reports the principal points of his negotiation in her behalf; his arrival at the Court; obtaining part of her pension. The King of Poland. His regret at leaving France. Arrival of the English Ambassador and Randolph; their addresses to the King of Poland. General news of the French Court. His efforts in her cause. Fr. [In cipher.]

Feb. 1 and 7. 12. Deciphers of the two preceding letters. Fr.

March 20. 13. Bishop of Ross to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his liberty. Paris. Begs him to present an oraison which he has written to the Queen, and sends another copy for himself. Complains of the difficulties of his living there without sufficient allowance.

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1574.

April 10. 14. Earl of Shrewsbury to Francis Walsyngham. Letters for the Queen of Scots. Suspicions of the Queen of England. Difficulty of preventing the Queen of Scots from receiving intelligence.

Sheffield.

April 16. 15. Earl of Shrewsbury to Francis Walsyngham. Tokens and other things brought by one Lyddall to the Queen of Scots. Silks sent from France for Lady Shrewsbury, for which the money is to be paid to the Queen of Scots.

Sheffield.

May 9. 16. Earl of Shrewsbury to Francis Walsyngham. Letters. Work sent by the Queen of Scots to the Ambassador to be delivered to her Majesty. Sundry persons in his house are affected with the measles.

Sheffield.

June 6. 17. Earl of Shrewsbury to Francis Walsyngham. Details particulars of one Hamilton whom he had employed to educate his youngest children, in whose behalf he had made a suit to the Queen of Scots, and who had since gone to France and returned.

Sheffield.

June 12. 18. Interrogatories for Alexander Hamilton to be examined upon, as to the bringing letters to the Scottish Queen, his knowledge of the Queen's attendants, George Douglas, &c.

June 12. 19. Answers of Alexander Hamilton to the said interrogatories.

June 12. 20. Contemporary copy of the same.

June 18. 21. "Instructions delivered to the Earl of Huntingdon by William Wharton," being suggestions as to the Earl's proceedings in a proposed plan of sending Wharton to Sheffield to learn the secret devices of the Queen of Scots.

York.

June 20. 22. Examination of John Steward at Edinburgh before Mr. Killygrew, respecting his service with Alexander Hamilton under the Scottish Queen, letters and messages conveyed to her, the persons employed therein, Glover, John the musician, who played the base violin, Morgan, Dick Baines, Cuthbert Reid, Hamilton, &c.

Edinburgh.

June 23. 23. "Extracts of certain Spanish cifres concerning the Scottishe Queene." [Letters dated 14, 22, and 23 of June.]

June 26. 24. Interrogatories to be ministered to Alexander Hamilton concerning his knowledge of John Steward, Archie Beton, Thomas Glover, John the musician, Morgan, Dick Baynes, John Gray, Cuthbert Reid, and others.

June 26. 25. Another copy of the same paper.

June 26. 26. Answers of Alexander Hamilton to the same. [In the handwriting of Secretary Walsyngham.]

June 26. 27. Contemporary copy of the same.

June 26. 28. Another copy.

June. 29. Extract of a letter from the Earl of Morton, Regent of Scotland, respecting a boy lately come from the Scottish Queen; also respecting Alexander Hamilton, his communications with George Douglas and Lord Seton, referring also to a man of the Laird of Buccleuch's, of reasonable good stature, having a little black round beard, a blue jerkin, &c., a woman called Janet, high of stature and yellow hair and a bastard son of Jamie Lauder's.

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July 2.
Brussels.

30. John Hamilton to the Queen of Scots. Complains that he has not heard from her since he left Sheffield four years since. Remonstrates that his letters should have been allowed to become public. Reminds her of the service he has done. Does she wish for liberty or to remain in England? Begs that she will trust him. An attempt to take her ciphers and papers from him. Spain, Rome, &c. [Partly in cipher.]

July 12.
Sheffield.

31. Earl of Shrewsbury to Mr. Walsyngham. Letters for the Queen of Scots. Her suspicions of the delivery of her own. Shall be very glad if Hamilton prove himself an honest man, for he has taken great pains with his [Shrewsbury's] little boys.

July 19.
Sheffield.

32. Earl of Shrewsbury to Mr. Walsyngham. In respect to the unspeakable villanies of some person who had sought to deface his loyalty and honour.

July ?

33. Interrogatories to be ministered to Thomas Fowler as to his communication with the Countess of Shrewsbury, the projected marriage between her daughter and Lord Darnley, and other matters.

July ?

34. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of "interrogatories" for Thomas Fowler.

Sept. 13.
Sheffield.

35. Earl of Shrewsbury to Mr. Walsyngham. Forwards some letters from the Pope, the Cardinal of Lorraine, and others which had been secretly conveyed to the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 26.
Sheffield.

36. Earl of Shrewsbury to Mr. Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' discontent at the manner in which he had obtained certain of her letters. His willingness that his daughter Mary should remain, according to her Majesty's desire, with his other daughter the Countess of Pembroke.

1574?

37. Humble and dutiful advertisements to the Earl of Leycester respecting the Queen of Scots, the favour of the papists towards her, the numbers of papists in the country where she remains, the facilities for her rescue, and the expedience of removing her.

1574?

38. Countess of Shrewsbury to [Queen Mary ?]. Thanks her for her welcome letter. Her poor little creature showed more gladness than was to be looked for in one double her years. If she thinks good to write as is required, she may send it by this bearer, and be assured no harm will come of it. [Not signed.]

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39. Countess of Shrewsbury to Gilbert Curll. Begs him to deliver a letter and to procure answer with speed.

1574?

40. Principal matters wherewith the French Ambassador is to be charged, of secret intelligence with the Scottish Queen, of drawing the subjects of England unto her, and other matters connected with her.

1574?

41. Certain things observed in the confession of Peter Douglas touching his late voyage into France, his affection to the Queen of Scots, his project to affect her liberty, &c.

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42. "Ad Christianissimum Henricum III., Galliarum et Poloniæ Regem, Jo. Leslæi, Scotti Episcopi Rossensis, Oratio," pp. 35, 12mo. *Bound in vellum.* [Probably the copy of the Oration mentioned in Bishop Lesley's letter of March 20, 1574, and presented to Lord Burghley.]

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Jan. 16 1. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, for the examination of Henry Cockyn respecting his communications with the Bishop of Ross, the Queen of Scots, and others.

Jan. 20 2. Other memoranda, by Lord Burghley, for the examination of Cockyn, names of persons with whom he communicated, &c.

Jan. 21 3. Answers by Mr. Cockyn to certain interrogations put to him respecting his communications with Mr. Hamilton, Thomas Leslie, the Bishop of Ross, and others.

Feb. 5. 4. "Generall interrogatories to be ministred unto H. Cockin." [In the handwriting of Secretary Walsyngham.]

Feb. 5. 5. Matters touching Cockin's examination. [Also in the handwriting of Walsyngham.]

Feb. 5. 6. Interrogatories to be ministered to Cockin. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Randolph and Walsyngham.]

Feb. 7. 7. Mr. Secretary Walsyngham to Queen Elizabeth. Forwards an advertisement, in which she will be able to detect the mystery. Hopes that she will speedily take that course which may prevent the mischiefs that so dangerously hang over her head.

Feb. 16. 8. The examination of Henry Cockyn at the Tower, respecting his communications with various persons, followers of the Queen of Scots, Lesley, Liddall, and Morgan; Bishop Lesley's oration, letters for Queen Mary, and other matters.

Feb. 20. 9. The confession of Henry Cockyn respecting his communications with the Bishop of Ross, Goodyear, Lodar, Bartye, Good A. Hamilton, Morgan, Thomas Lesley, and various others.

Feb. 20. 10. Another contemporary copy of the same document.

Feb. 21. 11. Henry Cockyn to Mr. Walsyngham. His fear to make any disclosures respecting the Lord Henry and Lady Cobham. Begs his liberty. The Scots Queen's favourers at the English Court. Particulars respecting the Bishop of Ross' cook; and his mission to Calais.

Feb. 22. 12. [Secretary Walsyngham] to Queen Elizabeth. Forwards Cockyn's confession, and hopes that she will enable him to fulfil the promises which he made to Cockyn to obtain it.

Feb. 26. 13. [Walsyngham] to the Queen. Leaves it to her to choose to London. Her Majesty's delay renders him without hope of doing any good in the matter.

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Feb. 29. 14. Secretary Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires him to send up, well guarded, certain of his servants who are found to have been secret conveyers of letters for the Queen of Scots.

[Feb.] 15. "Articles of such matter as the persons hereafter named maye be severally chardged with and examined upon, gathered out of Henrie Cockin's confession" The persons being Goodyeare, Richard Lowther, Francis Bertie, D. Good, D. Atteslowe, Morgan, Alexander Hamilton, Schoolmáster, Nevill Sands, Jackson, and Watkin Davys.

March 1. 16. [Secretary Walsyngham] to Queen Elizabeth. Advises the apprehension of Atteslowe, Good, and Morgan. Shall be able by persuasion to draw that from Bertie which neither imprisonment nor torture can win from him.

March 8. 17. Earl of Leycester to Secretary Walsyngham. Respecting one Nesbyt or Nasmyth, accused of being a conveyer of letters to the Queen of Scots, and concerning whom he had received some information from the Recorder of London. He is one of those that attend young Seton, who came to him at Kenilworth, who was recommended by the Regent, and one whom her Majesty would be content made no long abode at the Court.

March 9. 18. [Secretary Walsyngham] to the Earl of Leycester. In respect to the desired punishment of Nasmyth for conveyance of letters to the Queen of Scots, and his Lordship's desire for the removal of young Seton, both which matters he thinks of little consequence, considering her Majesty's strange dealing towards others.

March 10. 19. Sir Walter Mildmay to Mr. Walsyngham. The Queen having appointed himself and Mr. Solicitor to join with him in considering the matter of Cockyn, they will be with him to-morrow between 8 and 9 in the morning.

March 11. 20. Edward Carye to Mr. Walsyngham. The Queen's consent to confirm his promises to the poor man [Cockyn]; although she thinks more is to be got out of him. His confession has been delivered to the Lord Treasurer, who will explain to him why the matter has been so long deferred.

March 12. 21. Secretary Walsyngham to Henry Cockyn. Informs him of the Queen's intention to befriend him, and that, as she believes he is able to discover much more than he has already done, she has set down certain points to be answered by him, which he begs he will answer fully.

March 14. 22. "Articles delivered unto Henry Cockyn y^e day of Marche 1574, for the examination and making playne of a former declaracion by hym made, and wrytten with his own hand." [In the hand-writing of Solicitor General Bromley.]

March 14. 23. Contemporary copy of the same.

March 14. 24. Henry Cockyn's explanation of his first declaration, in respect to his communications with the Bishop of Ross and others.

March 18. 25. Further confessions of Henry Cockyn, in respect to a "practice," of the Spaniards for the recovery of the King of Scotland, and in regard to a letter written to the Queen of Scots by Mr. Good.

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March 29. 26. Mr. Walsyngham to the Earl of Leycester. Forwards the further confession of Henry Cockyn, and desires to know the Queen's pleasure for their further proceedings.

April 26. 27. Bishop of Ross to Mr. William Cotton, English gentleman, at Paris. Has received a letter directed to one of the King's Secretaries, which he declines delivering for fear of getting into trouble.

April 28. 28. The examination of Dr. James Good before Thomas Randolph and Thomas Bromley, Esqs., touching his communications with the Bishop of Ross, and the Queen of Scots.

April 28. 29. Interrogatories ministered to John Nasmyth respecting his knowledge of Alexander Hamilton, schoolmaster to the Earl of Shrewsbury's children, and respecting the Bishop of Ross, Henry Cockyn, and others.

April 28. 30. John Nasmyth's answers to the same.

April 28. 31. Another copy of the same answers.

April 28. 32. Another copy.

April ? 33. Henry Cockyn's reply to Nasmyth's first examination.

April 28. 34. Questions "to be answered by D. Atslowe" respecting his communication with the Bishop of Ross, letters received by him from the Queen of Scots, &c.

April 28. 35. The examination of D. Atteslowe, taken April 28, before Thomas Randolph and Thomas Bromley, Esqs.; being his answers to the foregoing questions.

April 28. 36. A paper with similar title, containing both the questions and answers.

April 30. 37. Certain interrogatories ministered to John Nasmyth ye last of April for the better explanation of his confession and answers made to the interrogatories ministered to him April 28; with Nasmyth's answers to the same.

[April 30.] 38. Answers to some of the preceding "interrogatories." [*In Nasmyth's own hand.*]

[April 30.] 39. Contemporary copy of the same answers.

[April 30.] 40. Copy of part of the same.

[April.] 41. Henry Cockyn's reply to Dr. Good's examination of April 28, respecting his communication with the Bishop of Ross.

[April.] 42. Henry Cockyn's reply to D. Atslowe's examination respecting his communication with the Bishop of Ross. [*In his own hand.*]

[April.] 43. Contemporary copy of the same paper.

April. London. 44. Petition of William Henryson to the Earl of Shrewsbury:—Complaining of not having received certain monies which had been sent to him by the Queen of Scots, and begging his help to obtain the same.

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May 1. 45. Earl of Leycester to Mr. Secretary Walsyngham. He and my Lord Treasurer are to use their discretion in placing the persons who have been lately examined, in the Tower or elsewhere. All persons who are touched in their accusations, especially the Lord Henry Howard, are to be dealt with accordingly.

May 4. Sheffield. 46. Earl of Shrewsbury to Mr. Walsyngham. Sends up Alexander Hamilton and others. Shall be sorry if Hamilton do not prove himself honest. Work made by the Queen of Scots for her Majesty.

May 6. 47. Thomas Corker to Mr. Walsyngham. Respecting Richard Bacon, a prisoner in the Fleet, who had uttered certain matters against one Weston, and had stated that he had a picture of the Scottish Queen in his chamber.

[May.] 48. Earl of Leycester to Secretary Walsyngham. The Queen's directions respecting Morgan, Good, and others, who, she thinks, are divers ways detected.

May 9. The Court. 49. [Secretary Walsyngham] to Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower and others. Sends directions for the further examination of D. Good, D: Atteslowe, Francis Bertie, John Nasmyth, and others.

[May 10.] 50. Articles wherewith to charge certain persons [Goodyere, Lowther, Bertie, Good, Attestlowe, Morgan, Alexander Hamilton, and others], gathered out of Cockyn's confession, for communicating with the Bishop of Ross in regard to the Queen of Scots.

May 12. 51. The examination of D. Astlowe at the Tower at the confronting of Henry Cockyn with him.

May 14. Tower. 52. Sir Owyn Hopton to Mr. Walsyngham. Reports the examination of Good, Atteslowe, and Hamilton, who confessed nothing, though Cockyn confronted them; shall examine them again, and wait upon him on Monday next.

May 15. 53. Interrogatories ministered to Watkyn Davys respecting the delivery of letters to and for the Scottish Queen; with his replies to the same. [Certified by Thomas Wylson and Thomas Bromley, Esquire, and Sir Owyn Hopton.]

May 15. 54. The examination of John Jackson at the Tower, respecting the delivery of a letter from the Scottish Queen to the French Ambassador's man, &c.

May 15. 55. Interrogatories for Nevill Sandes respecting delivery of letters to or from the Scottish Queen.

May 15. 56. The examination of Nevill Sandes, taken at the Tower, being the substance of his replies to the foregoing interrogatories. [Certified by Sir Owyn Hopton and others.]

May 15 & 16. 57. Depositions of Humphrey Wymes, apothecary, respecting the delivery of certain drugs to the French Ambassador's man and to Dr. Good.

May 16. 58. Examination of Dr. James Good respecting "stuff" sent to the Scottish Queen for her health; all which was paid for by the French Ambassador. [Signed by Dr. Good.]

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May 19. 59. Further examination of Dr. Good, at the Tower, on the same subject. [Signed by him.]

May 19. 60. An answer to certain articles proposed by her Ma^{ties} Commissioners to Henry Cockyn, touching Nevill Sandes.

May 20. 61. "The woords w^{ch} Dr. Good wrote in a lie to the Scotts Q. toching the Ladie Cobham." [Signed by Henry Cockyn.]

May 21. 62. The confession of Alexander Hamilton, respecting his dealings with Henry Cockyn, in receiving and delivering letters, &c. [Signed by Hamilton.]

May 22. 63. "The voluntarie confession of Nevill Sandes of things w^{ch} he had denied before the Commissioners that examined him on the 15th of May 1575" [respecting the delivery of letters to and for the Scottish Queen].

May 22. 64. Mons. Villeroy to —. Could not answer his letters before Paris. for want of a cipher. The King esteems his good will, but declines entering into the arrangement he proposes, and for which he was to supply three or four vessels. Fr.

May 27. 65. Bishop of Ross to Mr. Cotton, English gentleman in Flanders. Paris. His letter was delivered to Villeroy, who communicated the same to the King. Will gladly do him any pleasure in his power.

July 7. 66. John Chesholme to the Queen of Scots. Thanks for past Paris. favours. Assurances of affection to her service; and begging help of money to relieve him from difficulties.

July 8. 67. Laird of Farnisherst to the Queen of Scots. A long letter Paris. stating the great losses he has sustained by adhering to her cause, and begging relief.

August. 68. Bishop of Glasgow to his brother. Receipt of letters from him and from the Queen. Has heard nothing from the Queen since. Begs him to give her the counter cipher. Fr. [Deciphered copy.]

Auggst. Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. His fears about the delivery of his letters. A new cipher. Pitiful case of Farnisherst. Money given to him and another. [Deciphered copy, with the preceding.]

August 21. 69. Gilbert Curll to John Livingston. Ill opinion conceived of Sheffield Castle. him by the Queen of Scots. Little chance of his getting the wages he asks for. Hopes he will be able to prove his innocence.

Sept. 15. John Livingston to his wife. Begs her, in consequence of the Paris. ill opinion conceived of him by the Queen, to procure letters in his favour from my Lord of Arbroath and others, and forward them to the Queen, the reports made against him being undeserved.

Oct. 12. The Queen of Scots to Pope Gregory XIII. Sends the Bishop Sheffield. of Ross to his Holiness to kiss his feet and to declare her ready obedience and firm and steadfast mind in the orthodox religion; also to return her utmost thanks for his goodness and unassisted remembrance of her, which the Cardinal of Guise, her uncle, lately related to her by his letters. Her anxiety for the restoration of the

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Catholic religion is greater than for mending her own fortunes; and she begs him to cherish and support her as a devout daughter, and to admit the Bishop of Ross, an exile for Christ's name and hers, to the aid and to the powers which he requires. Lat.

Nov. 10.
Hackney.

71. Margaret Countess Dowager of Lennox to the Queen of Scots. Has received her token and her letter. Glad to perceive her zealous care for their peerless jewel in Scotland [the King]. Has been no less careful herself. Thanks for her bounty to their little daughter [Lady Arbella Stewart]. [With a postscript by Elizabeth Countess of Lennox.]

Nov. 18.
Tower.

72. Sir Owyn Hopton to Francis Walsyngham, Esq. Reports the examination of Alexander Hamilton. Begs his favour towards other prisoners who have confessed. *Incloses.*

72. i. *Interrogatories ministered to Mr. Alexander Hamilton, and his replies, as to his visits to Scotland, and the alleged conveyance of letters from the Queen of Scots.*

November 16 and 18.

[Dec.]

73. "Memoir" of the requests made by the Queen of Scots to the King of France, to intercede for her with the Queen of England, that she may be allowed to go to the baths at Buxton, &c. Fr.

[Dec.]

74. Another paper, containing the same request of permission for the Queen of Scots to go to Buxton. Fr.

Dec. 18.

75. Another paper containing the same matter, being a minute of the articles proposed to the King of France by the Queen of Scots' Ambassador, the Bishop of Glasgow, on her behalf. Fr.

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76. Pen and ink sketches of "Devices about a diall of the Q. of Scottes."

Jan. 23.

Francis Walsingham to Mons. Nau. In opening the coffers sent for the Queen of Scots, he found certain hoods which so pleased some ladies of his acquaintance, that he has taken the liberty to detain a couple. Fr. [France, Vol. li., p. 87.]

March 10.
Sheffield.

77. Queen of Scots to the Sieur Dolu, Treasurer and Receiver General of her Finance. Respecting his arrival at London, and the refusal to allow him to come to her to settle his accounts; expressing her dissatisfaction at his negligence, and her anxiety to have his business cleared up. Fr.

March 12.
Sheffield.

78. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière. Thanks for his and M. Fénelon's intercession for her with the Queen of England. Bad state of her health, and necessity of her speedy removal to Buxton. The passport refused to her Treasurer. Instructions to intercede with the Queen of England in that matter. Fr.

June 8.
Leicester
House.

79. Countess of Shrewsbury to Mr. Walsyngham. Thanks for his friendly dealing. Begs a warrant for the removal of the Queen of Scots to Buxton.

July 30.
Sheffield.

80. Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks for her kindness. Amelioration in her health. Sends her a coiffure, &c. Her wish that her Chancellor may be permitted to come to her to give her an account of her affairs in France. Fr.

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• 1576. 81. "The Bysshop of Glasco's note concerning the Queene of Scottes dowrye." Fr.

1577. May 9. 82. Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Queen approves of his purpose to remove the Queen of Scots to Chatsworth for three weeks, but the same must be delayed till the departure of M. Vergier.

June 25. 83. Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Forwards a letter from the Queen to himself and his Countess. Advises him respecting the warrants for the diet of the Queen of Scots.

June. 84. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury. Returns her thanks for their courteous entertainment of the Earl of Leycester at Chatsworth. As to the large allowance of diet they gave him must remain their debtor, but advises in future that he should not be allowed by the day more than two ounces of flesh, the twentieth part of a part of a pint of wine to comfort his stomach, but as much of St. Anne's water as he listeth; on festival days to have for his dinner the shoulder of a wren, and for his supper a leg of the same. Her brother of Warwick, whose body is more replete than his brother's, is to have the same proportion, batting the wren's leg.

August 3. 85. Queen of Scots to Mr. Ligons in France. Thanks for advice. Sheffield House. Begs him to continue a friend to the Earl. Allows of his circumspect answers concerning P. and her, who has never directly "provoked" to have her in marriage, nor has she been forced to utter her liking therein. [*In cipher.*]

August 3. 86. Contemporary decipher of the same letter.

August 3. 87. Queen of Scots to Dr. Allen Cope. Thanks for his comfortable letter and for his prayers. Nothing that she desires, except the relief of the Catholic Church; begs his assistance towards it, and proffers her name if it will serve him in any way. [*"Deciphered by Mr. Somers."*]

August 3. 88. Extract of a letter from "the Queen of Scots to one Mr. Morgan." Has written to Dr. Allén concerning the "divided" of their nation; has heard nothing yet of George More; has given thanks to Sir Francis Englefield for his good will.

August 12. 89. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Lord Treasurer. Informs him of the death of his dearest jewel [his grandchild], and requests him to write to Lady Shrewsbury.

August 17. 90. Earl of Shrewsbury to Secretary Walsyngham. Sends a packet from the Scottish Queen. Informs him of the death of his grandchild. Begs to go to his wife at Chatsworth, and that he may take the Scottish Queen with him.

August 31. 91. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Glasgow. Suspicious conceived of his visit to the baths. Reports spread by Walsyngham about him, and of his designs. The ill done by the Regent Morton in Scotland. George Douglas. News of France and the Low Countries. Successor to M. Mauvissière. Negligence of Dolu [her Treasurer]. [*In cipher.*]

August 31. 92. Contemporary decipher of the same.

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Sept. 2. Sheffield. 93. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir Francis Walsingham. Thanks for letters and Flemish news. His vigilance over the Queen of Scots shall not diminish. Excuses respecting his writing to the Queen.

Sept. 3. 94. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Informs him of divers reports spread abroad about the escape of the Scottish Queen, and of consequent troubles in England; and, in accordance with his wish, authorizes him to use his own discretion in future for restraining the said Queen or any persons about her.

Nov. 6. Sheffield. 95. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Glasgow. Her discontent at the indifference of the Pope as to her affairs. Her want of money; for the sum which is offered to her she will not attempt the removal of her son. Thanks to the Cardinal of Lorraine for his good will to her and her son. Intelligence between the Kings of France and Spain. Thanks to her cousin. Her liberty not so dear to her as the conversion of this country to the Catholic faith, and the preservation of the rights of her son. Fr. [Deciphered copy.]

Nov. 7. Sheffield. 96. Queen Mary to the Bishop of Glasgow. Thanks for intelligence respecting a matter concerning her son. Has certain advice that Mauvissière is shortly to be recalled. Begs him to procure the appointment of an able Ambassador as his successor, and if possible one attached to her house. Fr. [In cipher.]

Nov. 7. 97. Deciphered copy of the preceding.

Nov. ? 98. Part of a letter, deciphered, from the Scottish Queen, respecting the suspicions which had been conceived of the journey of a certain person to her. Fr.

Dec. 25. Paris. 99. Thomas Morgan to the Countess of Northumberland. If he deals with the Queen of Scots for her letters he may stay too long. Some of her servants discovered. Mr. Copley pretends to be altogether for the service of the Queen of Scots. [Part in cipher.]

Dec. 25. 100. Decipher of the ciphered part of the foregoing letter.

1577 ? 101. Anonymous letter of intelligence in French, respecting the Queen of Scots, Shrewsbury, the King of Scots, Argyll's discontent against the Regent, Home Castle rendered to the Earl of Morton, &c.

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Jan. 25. Sheffield. 1. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir Francis Walsingham. Requests the delivery of a letter to the Earl of Leycester.

Feb. 2. Instructions from Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Henry Nevill, for the removal of the Queen of Scots from Sheffield to Ashby, a house of the Earl of Huntingdon's in Leicestershire.

Feb. 3. Queen Elizabeth to the Sheriffs of Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester. Desires them to assist the Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Henry Nevill in a charge of great importance.

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Feb. 4. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Instructs him respecting the removal of the Queen of Scots from Sheffield.

Feb. 5. The Queen to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Informs him of her purpose to have the Queen of Scots removed, and authorizes him to deliver up the Queen out of his custody when he has accomplished her instructions.

March. 6. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires to know what order he can or has resolved on for the safe custody of the Queen of Scots, if her Majesty allows him to come up to the Court as he desires.

March 17. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. In regard to certain reports which are spread abroad against him, that there is want of due respect to his charge, and that he is too much at the devotion of the Queen of Scots to be trusted with her.

[April 30.] 8. Mary Queen of Scots to the Emperor of Germany. Alludes to the death of his father the Emperor Ferdinand and his own accession. Begs the admission into the Scotch colleges of those who may be exiled for their adherence to the Catholic faith and their fidelity to herself. Lat.

[April 30.] Queen Mary to the Duke of Bavaria. Thanks for good will and favour to the exiled Catholics, and recommending Ninian Winzet her confessor. Lat. [With the preceding.]

[April 3.] Queen Mary to the Archbishop of Mayence. In favour of the exiled Scotchmen for admission into the Scottish Colleges in Germany. Lat. [With the preceding.]

May 30. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Her Majesty will by no means consent that the embroiderer's wife should have access to the Queen of Scots. [Dom. Eliz., Vol. xlv, p. 22.]

June 14. Philip II. King of Spain to the Bishop of Ross. In answer to letters; expressing favour and assuring him that his efforts in the cause of his mistress are very grateful to him. Lat. [With No. 10.]

July 22. Memorial of the Queen of Scots' requests to the Queen of England, for passports to be granted to certain of her servants and officers. Fr.

August 13. 10. Duke of Bavaria to the Bishop of Ross. A letter of compliment on the Bishop's "history," and referring to Ninian Winzet. Lat.

Sept. 6. Albert Duke of Bavaria to the Queen of Scots. In answer to a letter delivered by the Bishop of Ross, and expressing his good will towards those of her nation generally, and Ninian Winzet in particular. Lat. [With No. 10.]

Sept. 10. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his most friendly letter, and for "occurrents" which are most acceptable, as he is very slenderly advertised of news from the Court.

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Sept. 12. Réne de Lorrain Duchess of Bavaria to the Queen of Scots. Hopes for her liberty. In regard to the thanks which she gives her for what has been done about the Abbey of Ratisbon, she assures her that she is very sorry she has not power to assist her according to her will in matters of greater consequence. Fr. [With No. 10.]

Oct. 10. Rodolph II. Emperor of Germany to the Queen of Scots. A letter of compliment in answer to one written the day before the calends of May [April 30], described at that date. Lat. [With No. 10.]

Nov. 21. 12. Queen Mary to Father Edmond. Thanks him for his salutary counsel and sweet remembrances, which have contributed much to her consolation in this captivity, serving her as a mirror, or picture, to remind her daily of the deficiency of her conduct, and the grace necessary for the accomplishment of that work, for which, she hopes, her just and merciful God has detained her in the hands, and under the persecution, of His principal enemies. Fr.

1578. 13. "An abstract of matters whereby the Scottish Queen may be charged to have attempted some practices" against the Estate of the Queen of England. Extracted "out of certain heads of a memorial given by the Scottish Queen to the Bishop of Ross, being sent to the Pope."

1578. 14. A contemporary copy of the same paper.

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Jan. 2. 15. "The Queen of Scottes answers to those things wherewith she was charged from her Majesty [of England] out of her own letters and others, for evil intentions against the state" of England. Fr.

Jan. 16. Replies to the same answers.

[August.] 17. —— to Mauvissière. The Queen of Scots has nothing to fear from the Prince, her son; his devotion to her. Proceedings of the Earl of Morton and his party in Scotland. Fr.

Sept. 19. 18. Warrant from the Queen of Scots to Thomas Fowler, to deliver the late Countess of Lennox's jewels to the Countess of Shrewsbury, for the use of the Lady Arbella [Stewart], if she live to the age of fourteen, or the Prince of Scotland.

Nov. 12. 19. Copy of a letter or other communication sent by the Queen of Scots to the Earl of Leycester, assuring him of her good opinion, that she can never hold any for her friend who "dresseth" to make her son a party against her, but that he shall yet find as good will in her towards him as heretofore.

April 12 20. Extract of a letter from Sir Henry Cobham to Lord Burghley, forwarding a copy of the work by the Bishop of Ross, "De titulo et jure serenissimæ Principis Mariæ Scotorum Reginæ."*

Paris.

May I. 21. Mons. D'Bourgoing, Physician to the Queen of Scots, to [the French Ambassador in England]. Informs him of the ill state of the health of the Queen of Scots, and of the necessity of her visiting the baths of Buxton for her recovery. Fr.

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May 2. 22. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. A long letter of remonstrance on her harsh treatment, assuring her of her affection, begging to be released from captivity, and promising never to undertake anything to her prejudice or the wrong of her estate. Fr.

May 2. 23. Queen Mary to the Privy Council of England. Remonstrates on her confinement; and begs them to recollect how much more they will gain by giving her liberty than by keeping her in confinement. Fr.

June 21. 24. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. In reference to some offence taken with her last letter, begging her liberty; expressing a sincere desire for the preservation of her [Queen Elizabeth's] safety and her honour, and that she will attempt nothing to the contrary. Fr.

June 21. 25. Contemporary copy of the same letter.

June 25. 26. Queen Mary to Mons. Mauvissière. By her letter to the Queen of England he will learn her intention touching the negotiation which he has commenced for her liberation. Informs him of false reports made against her, and of her alleged practices with the Queen of England's rebels. Fr.

July 30. 27. Extract of a letter from Mr. William Parry to Lord Burghley, respecting the book published by the Bishop of Ross in defence of the title of the Queen of Scots, and the offence caused by it.

August 16. 28. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. In answer to fresh charges which he has received from the Queen for the safe custody of the Queen of Scots, and assuring him of his previous care in the matter, in the exclusion of strangers from her, and in not allowing her servants to go abroad by themselves.

August 21. 29. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Earl of Leycester. Requests the sending of money due for the diet of the Queen of Scots.

Sept. 19. 30. Letter respecting the mission of George Douglas to Paris, Frenchmen sent by George Douglas to Paris, letter from the Queen of Scots to Douglas, full copy of the King of Scots' letter to him, the Duke of Lennox's letter to him, the purport of the same, and of George Douglas' mission from them generally. [The signature obliterated.]

Oct. 31. 31. Bishop of Glasgow to some person at Rome. That which he wrote of the boarding of their vessels, as of the loss of the Queen of England's men, is perfectly true. Necessity of speed. The Bishop of Ross knows nothing of their affairs. Cannot get the Princes there to meddle in them. Fr. [Copy of a ciphered letter.]

Nov. 8. 32. Anonymous to the Bishop of Glasgow, the Queen of Scots' Ambassador in France. Receipt of letters. Remonstrance to his Reverence of Ferrara. Biscayan ships to be held in readiness. Affairs of Spain, &c. Fr.

Nov. 27. 33. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Earl of Leycester. Thanks for his good will. Grieved that his faithful service is so little thought of by the Queen.

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Nov. 28. 34. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Removal of one of his attendants named Martin for busy dealing; his careful service; his folly in loving one of the Queen of Scots' women, which he [Shrewsbury] has taken means to prevent.

1580? 35. Anonymous to the Queen of Scots. Delivery of his instructions according to his charge. He [the person to whom the writer was directed] will always be at her devotion, &c. [In cipher. Indorsed, "Sent to the Q. Mother by L'Abbadia, from Portugall.]

1580? 36. A long anonymous letter in Latin to Queen Elizabeth, showing from Scripture, and by various arguments, that it is not expedient to spare one person worthy many deaths to the destruction of a whole people, and that the Italian proverb, "homo morto non fa guerra" is not to be despised.

1580? 37. A long paper of fifteen pages, entirely in the handwriting of the Queen of Scots, being religious reflections on adversity, "a thing of which she has had as much experience as any one;" citing various examples from Scripture and from history by which the afflicted who shall happen to read her little discourse shall learn of others equally afflicted as themselves, and shall find that their remedy has always been in turning to their God, who will invite them to do so also. Fr. [Much erased and altered.]

1580? 38. Draft of a proclamation by Queen Elizabeth against certain seditious books and libels published by her rebels abroad; seditious matters contained in the books, in the hand of Lord Burghley. The causes that moved y^e noble men in the North to put themselves in arms. Observations out of an infamous book entitled "Innocence of Mary y^e Q. of Scots," in French, and other papers, in the handwriting of Lord Burghley, on the same subject.

1580? 39. Abstract of letters from the French Ambassador to the Queen of Scots: from M. Ruisseau to M. Nau, and from M. Nau to M. Cor-daillet, Secretary to the French Ambassador. The Baron D'Esneval to be French Ambassador in Scotland; repulse given to the Prince of Condé; Lord Claude Hamilton's offer of service to the Queen of Scots.

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1581? 40. "A breefe declaration touching the Queene of Scotland's title to the Crown of England."

1581? 41. Copy of the same paper.

Jan. 15. 42. "Declaratyons made by the Q. of Scotland, Dowager of ffrawnce, towching the right y^t apperteynes unto her in the successyon of the Crowne of England, to be presented on her behalf to y^r Q. of England, her good sister and coostyn, and w^t her permission to the li, as well spirituall as temporall, and the comons that shal be assembled in the next Parlyam^t of the realme."

Jan. 15. 43. Copy of the same.

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Jan. 29. 44. King James VI. to his mother Queen Mary. Sorry for Edinburgh. what has passed, but assures her that he wishes to pay all honour and duty to her. Has received her ring and sends one in return. Begs her assistance and advice. Fr.

March 14. 45. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Earl of Leycester. Thanks him for his honourable dealing with the Queen about his tenants of Glossop, and desires him to procure some sharp punishment upon them.

April 19. 46. King James VI. to Queen Mary. Has seen by certain letters Edinburgh. the care and the friendship she bears towards him, and assures her that while he lives he shall always remain her very humble and obedient son. Begs to hear of her news, and that she will give him her advice in all his affairs. Fr.

June 1. 47. Copy of a letter "sent from the French Ambassador to Lord Seaton." Offer of services. Desires to be remembered to the King of Scotland; that as he had served the Queen of Scotland, he should consider himself honoured to be engaged in a similar employment for his Majesty.

June 19. 48. "Extract out of Exam. concerning y^e Q. of Scots, K. of Spayne, and y^e D. of Norfolk;" a paper thus indorsed by Lord Burghley, relative to the desire of the Queen of Scots to retire to Spain, and the examination of the Bishop of Ross, in 1571, on the Queen's communication with the Spanish Ambassador, and other matters.

June 19. 49. A contemporary copy of the same.

July 21. 50. Secretary Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. John Somers. London. Incloses a cipher found in a letter of the Queen of Scots, which the Queen requests he will take some pains withall. *Incloses,*

50. 1. *A letter entirely in cipher.* [1581.]

July 26. 51. Collections or extracts out of certain French letters sent from the Queen of Scots to France.

July 28. 52. Duke of Florence to the Queen of Scots. Takes the opportunity of the Earl of Westmoreland's passing by to serve his Catholic Majesty in Flanders, to assure her of the affection he has always borne her, and of his wishes for her prosperity and greatness. Ital.

August 17. 53 King James VI. to Queen Mary. Glad to hear of her improved Dalkeith. health. Will think of the matter she desires him to do respecting George Douglas. Assures her that he shall always bear her all due honour and duty. Fr.

Oct. 10. 54. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. Sheffield. Informs her of certain overtures made for the King of Scots respecting his title to the Crown of Scotland; requests her advice in it, and expresses her inclination to yield to her son's wishes. Desires to send some one to him. Complains that she has been so long restrained from her liberty, and desires to be released. Fr.

Oct. 10. 55. Another contemporary copy of the same.

Oct. 10. 56. Another copy.

Oct. 10. 57. A contemporary translation of the same letter.

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Oct. 10. 58. Queen Mary to Lord Burghley, by Mons. Mauvissière, begging his assistance towards the objects she has in view, as expressed in her letter to the Queen. Fr.

59. Queen Mary's Commission to the Bishop of Glasgow, appointing him to carry out her wishes in a negotiation respecting a claim made by her son to share the Crown of Scotland with her. Fr.

Oct. 28. 60. Queen Mary's instructions to the Bishop of Glasgow to negotiate with other Commissioners, respecting the association which she intends to make with her son in the Crown of Scotland. Fr.

[Nov.] 61. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Sends down her servant, Robert Beale, Esquire, to communicate to the Queen of Scots her answer to certain points contained in a letter sent up by the French Ambassador.

Nov. 8. 62. Mr. Pierrepont to his daughter Elizabeth Pierrepont. Sends her Cupid and another, as nearly matched as he could get them. Begs his commendations to her companion and his son Curyl.

Nov. 63. Queen Elizabeth's instructions to Mr. Beale, sent to the Queen of Scots, to confer with her touching an overture which she saith has been made to her, in behalf of her son, for his name and title of King of Scotland.

Nov. 14. 64. Mr. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Arrival at Sheffield. Audience of the Queen of Scots. Delivery of his instructions respecting the overture about the King of Scots' title. Queen Mary's professions towards her Majesty; her refusal to hear him without receiving a letter of credence; her desire to settle her son in good terms with her Majesty. Professions of Nau, her Secretary. Purport of the French letters to the Queen of Scots advising her to share the title of Scotland with her son. Her discourse about the benefit of uniting the two kingdoms.

Nov. 14. 65. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Earl of Shrewsbury's kindness to him; his desire to come up and see her Majesty; his excuses for leaving his charge and going to Worksop; his expences, and dissatisfaction at her Majesty's treatment of him.

Nov. 14. 66. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' anxiety about his reporting her answers correctly. Her desire to send Nau into Scotland. His [Beale's] wish not to go. Commendations from Lady Shrewsbury.

Nov. 16. 67. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sickness of the Queen of Scots. His desire to return. Lord Shrewsbury's gout.

Nov. 17. 68. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Particulars of the illness of the Queen of Scots. Her protestations towards her Majesty, and desire to have more liberty. Her talk of the state of Scotland, of the fickle spirits there, of the evils of clanship, of Lennox's assumption as next heir to the Crown after her son, of

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Arran, and other nobles, of the dangerous situation of her son, of her wishes regarding his marriage, Morton's quarrell with Ruthven, the proposed sharing the title of Scotland with her son, difficulties in it, her own belief in its practicability, the little to be feared from her, her ill health, her religion and her son's, her desire to have more liberty, to send into Scotland, &c.

Nov. 23. 69. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Queen of Scots' illness. Talk with her about the matters of France, the good match made by the King of Navarre's sister, her own dowry in France, and a claim made to part of it by the Duchess of Montpensier. Fresh illness of the Queen of Scots; her complaints; his attempts to console her. Her want of physicians. Nau's earnestness. Suspicions of deceit.

Nov. 24. 70. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Has done all he can to draw from the Queen of Scots somewhat concerning the latter part of her letter. Her illness is exaggerated. A person stayed from going to Scotland.

Nov. 28. 71. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Conference with the Queen of Scots about the cession of her title. Her refusal to discover certain matters before she has leave to send to Scotland. Will do nothing without her Majesty's consent. Matters in Scotland growing worse and worse; her wish to salve them. Suspicion of her intention to cede her estate to France. The strangeness between both realms. The proposed cession of title to her son; her denial of its having proceeded from France or any other than herself. The service done by George Douglas.

Dec. 3. 72. "A note of such things as the Scottish Queen willed Robert Beale to declare unto her Majesty on her behalf," for greater liberty, &c.; also memoranda of requests to be made to her Majesty from the Earl of Shrewsbury, for liberty to come up to the Court, and respecting the unjust "rebatement" of his allowance.

Dec. 4. 73. A memorall signed by Mons. Nau, and delivered unto Robert Beale the day of his departure from Sheffield, containing certain requests to be made unto her Majesty the Queen of England on the behalf of Queen Mary. Fr.

1581 ? 74. Reasons to induce her Majesty to proceed in, and complete, the treaty begun with the Queen of Scots, chiefly from danger to be apprehended, in attempts likely to be made in her behalf by foreign Princes. [In the handwriting of Sir Francis Walsyngham.]

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1582.

Jan. 6. 1. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir Francis Walsyngham. His care to prevent access to the Queen of Scots when she rides out in her coach; her illness. Begs him to move her Majesty in a private suit for himself.

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Feb. 12. 2. Mons. Béthune to Madlle. de Seton. Begs her to beseech the Queen [of Scots] to write to the Archbishop of Glasgow for the payment of his wages. Fr.

March 14. 3. Extract of a letter from the Bishop of Ross to Thomas Morgan at Paris, respecting two Englishmen in captivity at Rome, for whose relief he had written to Mons. Chesholme.

April 1. 4. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. In answer to certain requests made by the Queen of Scots. Cannot send into Scotland till proper explanation is given of the rejection of her Ambassador there. Consents that one of her Council in France and two physicians should be allowed to go to her; and allows her the liberty of the park, which, she thinks, will suffice both for her health and recreation.

April 1. 5. Copy of the same.

April 9. 6. Earl of Shrewsbury to [Sir Francis Walsyngham]. The Queen of Scots' professions towards her Majesty; her suspicions of insincere dealing towards her; the physicians to be sent to her; her liberty.

April 16. 7. Queen Mary to Mr. Beale. A long letter begging him to take the charge of the continuance of this negotiation, and not to take her importunity amiss, on account of the great service which he can do to his Sovereign and the whole country if the affair is managed with integrity and good feeling. Fr.

[April.] 8. Articles of a projected treaty, or conditions to be observed by the Queen of Scots towards her Majesty the Queen of England.

[April.] 9. Conditions to be observed or agreed to by the Scottish King.

[April.] 10. Articles to be observed by the Queen of England.

April 16. 11. Queen Mary to her son King James. Desires him, as he values her blessing, to write to the Queen of England, and explain the cause of the refusal of a pass to one of her [Queen Elizabeth's] people from going towards him. Fr.

May 28. 12. King James to Queen Mary. Professes his respect and duty towards her, and will do all he can to content her when he receives the form of the association which she proposes should be made between them. Fr. *{In cipher, deciphered.}*

June 17. 13. King James to Queen Mary. Has written to the Queen of England to explain the reason of her man's being refused to come towards him. Never meant to be otherwise than a good neighbour and kinsman to the Queen of England, as she [the Queen of Scots] commands him.

July 25. 14. John Molini to _____. Their brother William gone to Flanders. Earls of Huntly and Crawford arrived, and well accepted of the King. The King at Dalkeith, accompanied by the Earls of Lennox and Arran. Persons in greatest credit. The Parliament to be holden in October.

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August 16. 15. Queen Mary to M. Bethune her Maitre d'Hotel. Had deferred to write in hope of his return ; pleased with the former intelligence which he communicated to her. Sure that he will not return without informing himself well of all that concerns her service. Advises him not to bring any secret letters, on account of Walsyngham's reports against him, and of the object of his journey. Fr. [Sheffield.]

August 22. 16. Another contemporary copy of the same letter, differing slightly from the preceding, and dated on the 22d of August. [Sheffield.]

Sept. 10. 17. Queen Mary to the Archbishop of Glasgow. Informs him of the seizure of the person of the King her son by the Earl of Mar and Lord Ruthven ; and, on account of the necessity there will always be of foreign help in Scotland, desires him to seek the King of France and beg him to send 5 or 6 hundred harquebussiers to the Duke of Lennox, to garrison the castles of Dumbarton, Blackness, and Edinburgh, which places she hopes will still hold out for her. Fr. [Indorsed, "Extract of a Ciffre."]

Sept. 28. 18. M. Castelnau to the Archbishop of Glasgow, the Queen of Scots' Ambassador in France. The English Ambassadors gone to Scotland. The Prince's liberty. Designs of the enemies of Lennox. The Queen of Scots desirous that some person of quality should be sent from France to Scotland. Apprehension and imprisonment of Archibald Douglas. Fr. [London.]

Oct. 22. 19. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires him to communicate to the Queen of Scots the answers made by her Majesty [of England] to the requests made to her in behalf of the Queen of Scots by Mons. du Ruisseau ; for letters to be sent to France about her dowry ; and in answer to certain overtures mentioned to Mr. Beale.

Oct. 22. 20. Contemporary copy of the same letter. [The Court.]

Oct. 28. 21. Louise Queen of France to the Queen of Scots. Offers her consolation on her affliction and illness. Informs her of the King of France's intention to send the Sieur de la Mont towards the Queen of England, and to the Prince of Scotland her son. Fr. [Paris.]

Nov. 2. 22. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière. Has heard from the Earl of Shrewsbury the answer given to Du Ruisseau. Has spoken her mind to Shrewsbury. Intended to write also to the Queen of England, but is prevented by illness. Entreats him in the meantime to remonstrate on her unjust treatment. In charge of Shrewsbury with negotiating with her son respecting his title to the Crown of Scotland. Fr. [Sheffield.]

Nov. 8. 23. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. The late conspiracies against her son in Scotland making her fear the consequences upon herself ; employs the very small remainder of her life to discharge her heart fully of her just and lamentable complaints, desiring that her letter may serve as a perpetual testimony and engraving on her

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conscience, as much for her own discharge to posterity as to the shame and confusion of all those who, under her [Queen Elizabeth's] approbation, have so cruelly and unworthily treated her. Fr.

Nov. 8.
Sheffield.

24. Mons. Nau, Secretary to the Queen of Scots, to the Archbishop of Glasgow. The troubles in Scotland. Heartburning between the two Queens. The King of Scots' captivity; effect on his mother; increase of her illness. Fr.

Nov. 12.
London.

25. John Mosman to the Queen of Scots. Begs that she will give him a sum of money to set him up in trade, for the support of himself and the other children of James Mosman, their father, who was hanged with the Laird of Grange, because he was her Grace's Master Coiner and true subject.

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26. Mr. Henry Kyllygrew to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Communicates the purport of his instructions when he was sent on two several occasions by her Majesty to the Queen of Scots. [Not signed.]

Dec. 3.
Sheffield.

27. Mons. Nau to Mons. Mauvissière. Forwards a letter from the Queen of Scots. Apologises for not answering former letters. Fr.

[Dec.]

28. Confession of "A. B." about his knowledge of a projected match between the Queen of Scots and Don John, respecting the Catholic nobles in England, and the proposed re-publication of Pius V.'s bull.

Dec. 10.
Munich.

29. William Duke of Bavaria to the Queen of Scots. Desires to hear of her health and welfare. Prays that God will give her his grace and keep her constant in the Catholic faith. Fr.

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30. Demands which the Queen of Scots makes of the Queen of England, for letters of favour to the French King and Queen about her dowry, her Majesty's resolution touching the measures mentioned between the Queen of Scots and Mr. Beale, increase in the number of her servants, &c. Fr.

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31. Two stanzas of French poetry, probably written by the Queen of Scots, lamenting her condition. *Commencinç,*
"Celuy vraiment n'a point de courtoisie."

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32. The instructions given to Mons. Fénélon by the King of France, on his being sent to Scotland to negotiate respecting the proposed association of the King and Queen of Scotland in the Sovereignty of that country; with the King's replies thereto. Fr.

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33. Copy of one article of the preceding instructions.

Jan. ?

34. Declaration by the Queen of Scots of her intention touching the association which she has thought to make with her son. Fr.

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Sheffield.

35. Letters patent of the Queen of Scots' declaring the association of herself and her son in the Sovereignty of the kingdom of Scotland. Fr.

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Jan. ? 36. Allegations against the expedience or possibility of the proposed association. Fr.

Jan. ? 37. Articles to be accorded between the King and Queen of Scots on the conclusion of their "association." Fr.

Jan. ? 38. Advice given by M. La Mothe Fénélon respecting the treatment of the Queen of Scots by the Queen of England.

Jan. ? 39. A printed leaf containing armorial insignia and woodcut portraits of Queen Mary and King James, and English verses allusive to their proposed "association." The verses commence,
 "Encrease of blesse expected long,
 In Britain was begonne."

[Jan.] 40. Mons. Fontenay to the Queen of Scots. Reports his negotiation with the King of Scots respecting the projected association in the government of Scotland with her. Sets down the King's answers to the various articles or propositions submitted to him on the subject. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.*]

[Jan.] 41. Copy of the same.

[Jan.] 42. Paper indorsed "Practice for the association of the King [of Scots] with his mother."

Feb. 27. 43. Mons. De La Mothe Fénélon to the Queen of Scots. Reports his negotiation with the King of Scots, her son, respecting the preservation of his person and establishment of his authority, and respecting the proposed association between her Majesty and her son in the government of Scotland. Fr.

March 8. 44. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs a passport for his brother-in-law to go to France respecting the dowry of the Queen of Scots, and assures him that nothing shall happen in his journey of which the Queen of England can have the least discontent or suspicion. Fr.

March 23. 45. Anthony Standen to the Archbishop of Glasgow. Glad to hear of his health. Hopes they shall some day meet again in Scotland. Will not put his purpose in execution without the Queen's consent. His Highness [of Florence] approves of the proposed association of the Queen with her son. He desires to have the King's picture. Has a marriageable daughter, and would give a handsome toucher with her.

March. 46. Mons. Fénélon to Mons. Maineville. Arrival in London. Desired audience of the Queen put off. His negotiation in Scotland. Will leave as good an impression as he can respecting his [Maineville's] stay in Scotland. The Queen of England's honourable defence of the reputation of Monseigneur [Duc D'Anjou]. Colonel Stewart to be sent from Scotland to France.

April 4. 47. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Has chosen Mr. Beale to join with him to receive from the Queen of Scots certain matter which she is desirous should come to her.

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April 6. 48. "A memorial of such matters as are to be imparted by A.B. and C.D. [The Earl of Shrewsbury and Mr. Beale] to the Queen of Scots," being the answers of the Queen of England to the several complaints made against her by the Queen of Scots.

April 6. 49. The complaints of the Queen of Scots against the Queen of England, and her Majesty's answers to the same; written in opposite columns, and apparently the groundwork of the preceding instructions for the Earl of Shrewsbury and Mr. Beale.

April 16. London. 50. Mons. Castelnau Sieur de Mauvissière to Mons. Maineville, French Ambassador in Scotland. Receipt of letters. The Queen of England's reception of Mons. Fénélon on his return from Scotland. His report of her affection towards his Highness [of Anjou]; his own belief of the natural affection between them. The King of France's great desire of friendship with England. The Queen's suspicions of his correspondence with Lennox. Necessity of the King of France preserving amity with Scotland. Fr.

April 16. Sheffield. 51. Earl of Shrewsbury and Mr. Beale to Queen Elizabeth. Report their interviews with the Queen of Scots; delivery of their instructions; their replies to the charges made against her Majesty by the Queen of Scots; the answers made by the Queen of Scots to them; the Queen of Scots' professions towards her Majesty; her desire for her liberty; her letters to Morgan and Ligons; offers made by the Queen of Scots for her liberty.

April 16. Sheffield. 52. Earl of Shrewsbury and Mr. Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. An interview with Mons. Nau. The Scottish Queen's requests for her liberty, to be joined in any treaty with her son, and to have her Majesty's handwriting as authority for treating with them.

April 16. Sheffield. 53. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Doubts about addressing their despatches to him or the Queen. The demands of the Queen of Scots; her wiliness. Queen Elizabeth's irresolution. The Queen of Scots' offers. Has done all he can, and begs to be recalled.

April 17. Sheffield. 54. Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Interview with the Queen of Scots; her professions towards her Majesty; her opinion of certain of her nobility; her opinion of her son; her health.

April 21. 55. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Instructs him to communicate to the Queen of Scots her Majesty's displeasure that she refuses to confer with them without a letter of credit. In case she will say nothing further, Robert Beale is to return; and his Lordship [Shrewsbury] to prepare to leave his charge on the 1st or 2nd of May.

April 21. 56. Contemporary copy of the same.

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April 23. 57. Earl of Shrewsbury and Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Queen of Scots' protestations of good will towards her Majesty; her hints respecting foreign aid being sent to her son if her Majesty refuse her offers. Necessity of her son's marriage. Power of her friends in Scotland when any good opportunity should be offered.

April 25. 58. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. Bowes. The Queen of Scots' speeches against certain of the nobility. Offers made by her to the Queen of England. The King of Scots' opinion on the same requested by her Majesty. The King's denial of the reported association with his mother.

April 26. 59. Earl of Shrewsbury and Robert Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Receipt of instructions. Fresh communication with the Queen of Scots; her desires. Association with her son. Robert Beale's interview with M. Nau. His conversation about the Queen of Scots; her liberty; the position of her son; the King's good will towards his mother; her title, &c.

April ? 60. A collection of such matters as the French Ambassador [Mauvissière] is to be charged withal, for corresponding with Lennox, &c.; drawn from the confessions of George Douglas, letters of Archibald Douglas, and others.

April. 61. Henry Fagot to —. Informs him of two papists, booksellers, residing in the house of the [French] Ambassador, who had come over to traffic in church ornaments and books. The Sieur Frocquemorton and Milord Henry Howard, are the chief agents of the Queen of Scots. Fr.

April ? 62. A collection of certain offers made by the Scottish Queen, contained in the letters of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Robert Beale, Esq.; with Sir Francis Walsyngham's notes of Queen Elizabeth's replies to the same.

April ? 63. Another copy of the same "offers."

May 24. 64. Queen Elizabeth's instructions for the Earl of Shrewsbury, Sir Walter Mildmay, Knight, and Robert Beale, appointed to treat with the Queen of Scots, respecting the offers made by her to the Queen of England, and to require her explanations of certain of the same severally.

May 27. 65. Fair copy of the same, the name of Mr. Beale being omitted.

May 27. 66. Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scots. Her offers have so far prevailed upon her that she has appointed Sir Walter Mildmay to join with the Earl of Shrewsbury, to treat with her upon certain points depending on the said offers, and Mr. Beale is to attend upon them.

May 28. 67. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Has appointed Sir Walter Mildmay to join with him in treating farther with the Queen of Scots, respecting the offers lately made by her.

May 28. 68. Copy of the same.

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June 2. 69. Articles delivered to the Queen of Scots upon her request, drawn out of her offers and our [Shrewsbury's and Mildmay's] instructions.

June 2. 70. Explanations given to the Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Walter Mildmay by the Queen of Scots, on the several articles of her offers made to the Queen of England for her restoration to liberty.

June 2. 71. The Queen of Scots' answers to three points propounded to her by Shrewsbury and Mildmay, concerning the obligations and assurances for performance of her offers, and the time, place, and manner of her liberty.

June 2. 72. Another copy of the same paper.

June. 73. Copies of three of the preceding papers.

June 4. Sheffield. 74. Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Walter Mildmay to Queen Elizabeth. Report their communication with the Queen of Scots, her offers for her liberty, her Majesty's answers to them, and the Queen of Scots' explanation of the several points of the same.

June 4. Sheffield. 75. Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Queen of Scots' anxiety for a conclusion of this treaty; her weariness of captivity. Frank dealing towards her Majesty; persons attendant on her. Honourable treatment of himself by my Lord Shrewsbury.

June 10. 76. Queen Elizabeth to Shrewsbury and Mildmay. Instructs them to convey to the Queen of Scots her approbation of her plain dealing in the present treaty, and to inform her of the reason why it cannot be brought to a conclusion as she wishes, before she is allowed to send into Scotland.

June 11. Sheffield. 77. Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Expediency of her Majesty's allowing the Queen of Scots some support to maintain her estate. Ticklish state of affairs in Scotland. The treaty must be made between her Majesty, the Queen of Scots, and her son.

June 15. Sheffield. 78. Earls of Shrewsbury and Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' perplexity at her Majesty's resolution to send alone into Scotland. Her refusal to abide by her other offers. Advise that her Majesty do not send till she has considered the report which Mr. Beale will make to her.

June 16. Greenwich. 79. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Directs him to inform the Queen of Scots respecting her Majesty's sending alone into Scotland, and to tell her that when certain difficulties are removed she may also send some one there, and then the treaty shall proceed without any let on her Majesty's behalf.

June 16. 80. Queen Mary to M. Maüvissière. Begs him to use all his credit with the English Commissioners to obtain the Queen of England's decision respecting her liberty. Fr.

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June 16. Queen Mary to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs him to assure the Council upon her honour that she intends to perform the promises and offers which she has made to them. Fr. [With the preceding.]
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June 17. 81. Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Walter Mildmay to Queen Elizabeth. The Queen of Scots will hold the treaty as broken if her Majesty sends to Scotland alone; she takes the delay as good as a refusal; her grief; their replies to her.
Sheffield.

June 17. 82. Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for his recall. The Queen of Scots' dissatisfaction at the late matters. His wonder that no more regard is had to her offers. The treaty must be between her Majesty, the Queen of Scots, and her son. Goes from hence to-day. His honourable treatment by Lord and Lady Shrewsbury.
Sheffield.

June 17. 83. Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards a piece of writing of the Lady Arbella's, written by his request. The little lady is a very proper child and will be like her grandmother, the old Lady Lennox. A note by Mons. Nau respecting the Scottish Queen's dowry. Conversation with her respecting him [Walsyngham] and his plain behaviour to her.
Sheffield.

June 18. 84. Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Acknowledge the receipt of letters announcing her Majesty's determination not to send alone into Scotland, which they intend communicating to the Queen of Scots.
Worksop.

June 18. 85. Contemporary copy of the same letter.

June 23. 86. Anthony Standen to the Archbishop of Glasgow. Bad news of Scotland. Crichton about to leave Italy. Departure of Martelli. Money refused by the King of Spain; his disposition to help the Queen of Scots, &c.
Florence.

August. ? 87. "A copye of one of Naue's papers touching Scotland;" the Archbishop of Glasgow's refusal to write to the King of Scots; King James' escape to St. Andrews; Walsyngham's object in Scotland. Fr.

Sept. 16. 88. [Lord Seton] to the Queen of Scots. The King's determination to preserve the league with France, and to follow entirely the advice of Monsieur de Guise. His poverty so great that he cannot carry out his intentions. Begs her assistance to help him with Guise. Fr.
Seton.

Oct. 2. 89. Considerations "whether it be fitt to treate and conclude with the Scottish Queen upon the articles propounded, amongst the which one is for her liberty."

Oct. 2. 90. Copy of the same paper, not contemporary.

Oct. ? 91. Extracts touching the proposed Association in the Sovereignty of Scotland between King James and Queen Mary:—
Extract of a letter from Mr. Bowes and Mr. Davison, respecting the King of Scotland's answer to the proposed Association.

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Extract of a letter from the Earl of Lennox to George Douglas in France, concerning the negotiations. After considering the matter in Council, "it was thought very dangerous, both for the mother and the son, that the King should perform that he was most willing to do, by reason there is a despair entered into the hearts of the whole people of Scotland, that they can be in no surety if the King shall grant himself unlawfully crowned," nor could he be sure of being one hour King; they had therefore come to the determination of writing to her Majesty [Queen of Scots] to request the King of France to acknowledge her son, and to renew the ancient league of amity between the two realms.

Extract of a letter from Sir H. Cobham, Ambassador in France. It was agreed that, on the signing of certain articles, the Duke of Guise should procure the King of France to acknowledge the young King as Sovereign of Scotland in the same degree as his mother.

Oct. 3, 1581.

Extract of a letter from Mr. R. Bowes. The case of Association had been openly debated in Council. It was reported that there was a treaty betwixt her Majesty [Elizabeth] and the King's mother [Queen of Scots] for her liberty.

July 13, 1583.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Bowes. Causes of the delay in sending a copy of the Association.

Aug. 8, 1583.

Mr. Bowes. The King assured him that the advocate had burned the draught of the Association, with other papers, at the order of Lennox.

Aug. 17, 1583.

Extract of a letter from Colwin, [John Colville ?] a Scotchman, to Mr. Thomas Randolph, advertising him that George Douglas had been sent from the Scottish Queen, with commission to declare to the King of France the resignation of her title into the King her son's hands, reserving to be joined with him in all letters of disposition and commandment.

Nov. 27, 1581.

Nov. 5.
London.

92. Mons. Mauvissière to the Queen of Scots. Receipt of her letters. Demanded audience. Walsyngham's complaints against her. His professions towards her. Her writing to Scotland calling him her mortal enemy. Affairs of Scotland. The ill offices of Arran. Affairs of France. The league. A "cabal" between Arran and Hunsdon respecting the King of Scots' marriage. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

Nov. 25.
Farnihurst.

93. Anonymous. [The Laird of Farnihurst] to the Queen of Scots. Forced to delay sending Lord Seton's letters to her. Arrival of the young Duke of Lennox; his attendants; his kind reception by the King; the Kirk of Scotland ill affected to him. His own affection to her Majesty.

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Jan. 5. Sheffield. 1. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière. Thanks for his care and diligence in advertising her of this last agitation ; her grief at it, on account of the opportunity it will give her enemies for the persecution of her friends. Somerville's conspiracy ; her innocence and total ignorance of him. Leycester and Walsyngham not to be trusted. Leycester's late protestations to her. False accusations made against her in respect to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Cruel aspersions of the Countess of Shrewsbury. Lord Leycester to be told of very grave secrets revealed respecting him by the Countess of Shrewsbury. Detention of letters by Walsyngham. The best method for secret writing, and directions for future correspondence in matters of importance. Fr.

Jan. ? 2. Memoranda respecting the proceedings of the Catholics :—Lord Morley's invitation abroad on account of danger to him in England, being Catholic ; the King of Scots' affection to papistry ; his secret practices with the Duke of Guise ; English nobles friends to the papists ; countenance given to them by the French Ambassador ; practices of Charles Paget, the Earl of Arundel, &c. [Apparently a series of memoranda extracted from letters of various dates, from August 1583 to January 1584. In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

Jan. 12. Gateford. 3. Brian Lassells to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports the examination of William Parker, servant to George More, respecting his conveyance of letters to Lord Arundel.

Feb. 14. 4. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. Proceedings against Lord Paget, Throgmorton, himself, and others ; their services ; their pensions not paid. His friend [Somerville] murdered. State of Scotland ; her friends there. Her son's altered disposition with regard to the Queen of England. Lord Claude Hamilton's restoration to his honours ; sent for by the King ; his friendship to her ; his religion. Money promised her by Spain. The Duke of Guise's affection to her service. The imprisonment of Morgan. Lord Paget's arrival in Spain, where he will do her all possible service. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes, and indorsed by him, "Charles Paget to the Q. of Scottee." "Decifred, T. Phelippes."]

March 8. Westminster. 5. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. In answer to a letter sent by the Queen of Scots to the French Ambassador, and instructing him [Shrewsbury] to convey her answers to the said Queen of Scots on the three several points contained in it ; viz., concerning the late treaty ; concerning some lewd and reproachable speeches given out against her ; and in regard to her fears about the person into whose custody she will be committed after being removed from the Earl of Shrewsbury.

March 8. 6. Another minute of the same letter.

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March 20. 7. Queen Elizabeth's instructions to the Earl of Shrewsbury, Sir Ralph Sadleir, and Sir Henry Nevill, expressing her intention to release Shrewsbury from his charge, and to remove the Queen of Scots to Melbourn, in Derbyshire; and instructing them, Sadleir and Nevill, respecting such removal. [Signed by the Queen and Sir Francis Walsyngham; probably not carried into effect.]

March 20. 8. Minute of the same instructions.

March 20. 9. The Queen's instructions to Sir Ralph Sadleir, on his taking charge of the Queen of Scots in room of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

March ? 10. Names of "persons neare to Melborn Castell in y^e Edge of Derbyshyre," in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire. [In the autograph of Lord Burghley.]

March 20. Westminster. 11. The Queen's instructions to Sir Ralph Sadleir and Sir Henry Nevill, for their proceedings after the Queen of Scots shall be brought from Sheffield to Melbourn Castle. [Signed by the Queen and Walsyngham.]

March 20. 12. Minute of the same instructions.

March 23. Sheffield. 13. Earl of Shrewsbury to Queen Elizabeth. Reports his proceedings with the Queen of Scots on delivery to her of her Majesty's explanations about not proceeding in the late treaty. The Queen denied the charges made against her in respect to Throgmorton.

March 23. Chatsworth. 14. Fraunces Battell, "a gentlewoman of y^e Countess of Shrewsbury's," to the Lady Elizabeth Powlett, at Clerkenwell. Complains of her Lord's hard dealing towards her, in consequence of the Queen of Scots not being able to abide her; the said Scottish Queen having conceived this dislike through her, Miss Battell's, having said of her, that it were fitter she should be hanged than ever to be Queen of England. If my lwd continues his hard speech she cannot abide it no longer, and one of her chief offences is that she pities her mistress.

April 1. Westminster. 15. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Releases him from the charge of the Queen of Scots, and informs him that she has made choice of Sir Ralph Sadleir and Sir Henry Nevill to supply his place.

April 1. 16. Copy of the same.

April 18. Westminster. 17. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Informs him of her consent that a French gentleman should have access to the Queen of Scots on certain private matters concerning the Duke of Joyeuse, but Mr. Waad and himself must be present at the conference between them.

April 18. 18. Copy of the same.

April 23. Sheffield. 19. William Waad to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports particulars of the visit of Mons. Maron to the Queen of Scots. His old acquaintance with Mons. Nau. Remonstrances made by himself [Waad] to the Queen of Scots about the behaviour of the King, her son, towards her Majesty, and of her own behaviour. The Queen's passion, choler, and moaning. Letters to her from the Guise detained.

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20. "A relation of Mr. Waad's conference with the Scottish Queen." Arrival at Sheffield. Dinner at Lord Shrewsbury's, with Mons. Maron. Letters from France, for the Queen of Scots, which his Lordship opened. Brought to the presence of the lady. Greetings between Mons. Maron and Mons. Nau. Conference between them prevented. Waad's speech to the Queen about Mons. Maron's mission respecting her lands in France. The Queen's reply. Her anxiety about news of her son, and the reported civil war in Scotland. Her anger about the opening of her letters, and enquiries about the Duke of Guise and her other friends in France. Complaints against the Queen of England. Waad's answer. Queen Mary's rejoinder about the breaking off in the late attempted treaty and professions of sincerity. Bitter speeches about her long imprisonment. Waad's assertion of Queen Elizabeth's rare clemency towards her. Queen Mary's anger. Three things which she has resolved never to abide but rather to suffer a thousand deaths with all torments. Curses. Frequent complaints. Waad's advice to Queen Mary. Queen Elizabeth's conduct towards Scotland. Queen Mary a chopping stone; better such chopping stone were removed. Morton supported in Scotland by Queen Elizabeth. Conference between Maron and Nau objected to. Waad's reproof of Nau. Second conference with the Queen. Her lands in France. The Queen's talk about that country, and about religion; her excommunication by Mr. Knox. The proposed marriage between Queen Elizabeth and the Duc d'Anjou. Queen Mary's anxiety to know what her Majesty would have her to do in Scotland. Her opinion of her countrymen. Service to Queen Elizabeth and service to God. Queen Mary's religious advice to Waad. Mary's opinion of Elizabeth's flatterers. Elizabeth's beauty and divinity. Charles Cavendish's slander of Queen Mary. The desire for a true treaty and promised compliance with the Queen of England's desires.

April 25. Earl of Shrewsbury to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks him for his care about his wish to repair to her Majesty.

April 26. Edinburgh. 22. Anonymous to the Queen of Scots. Taking of Stirling Castle by the "malcontents." Apprehension of a certain person [Gowry], and his confession. Begs her to write to the King to have remembrance of past times, or to the Duke of Guise, to hasten matters so as to put an end to these enormities. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes. Indorsed by Sir Francis Walsyngham. "Letter deciphred."]

April 26. Edinburgh. 23. Another copy of the same letter. [Also in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 4. Greenwich. 24. Queen Elizabeth's instructions to Robert Beale, Esq., being sent to the Queen of Scots to know if she still remains in the same intention, with regard to two offers which were made to her through Mr. Waad, and if she does to tell her that her Majesty will proceed in the treaty formerly commenced with her.

May 4. 25. Copy of the same.

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26. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. The last report made by Mr. Waad, of the deep and earnest protestations she delivered of the sincerity of her proceedings in the late treaty, and the offers she makes, in respect to the removal of the doubtful opinion conceived of her through the dealing of her agents abroad, has wrought the hope that her deeds will hereafter confirm her words; so the bearer, Mr. Beale, has been sent to her, and if she continues in the same mind he will communicate further matter to her.

May 4.

27. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Sends Mr. Beale to the Queen of Scots to make further trial of her offers and solemn protestations made to Mr. Waad.

May 10.
Sheffield
Castle.

28. Earl of Shrewsbury and Mr. Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Report their interview with the Queen of Scots about the offers made by her to Mr. Waad. She denies the said offers. The purport of her speech to Mr. Waad. Unwilling to interfere for the Scotch noblemen. They press her for her resolution. Small account which she makes of her Majesty's friendship. The practice between her son and the house of Guise. Mons. Nau confesses to Mr. Beale that the offers were made in general terms to Mr. Waad. Queen Mary's despair of her Majesty's favour. Conditions on which she will intercede for the noblemen. Little effect of the former promises made to her. She confirms the promise made by Mons. Nau. Desire for the treaty to go forward; her liberty.

May 17.
Sheffield.

29. Mr. Beale to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Cannot bring the Queen of Scots to make any absolute promise of the offers made to Sir Walter Mildmay and Mr. Waad, unless she is assured of her Majesty's favour and the accomplishment of the treaty. Her joy at the late success in Scotland, and at her son's going into the field himself. She may be brought to deal for some of the nobles but not for the Earl of Gowry. Quarrel between the Earl of Shrewsbury and his son, Lord Talbot. Slanders. The Lady Arbella.

[May.]

30. "A remembrance of certain things w^{ch} the Erle of Shrewsbury willed Robert Beale to deliver unto her Majesty," of his desire to return home, his opinion respecting the intended marriage of the Queen of Scots, and regarding false reports made against him.

May 22.
Greenwich.

31. Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Desires him to inform the Queen of Scots that she will forbear proceeding further with the treaty, in consequence of her refusal to perform the offers reported by Mr. Waad to have been made by her, and until time shall lead her to conceive otherwise of the matter. [Indorsed, "Not sent."]

May 23.

32. Draft of another letter from Queen Elizabeth, corrected by Sir Francis Walsyngham, to the same effect as the preceding, expressing the Queen's intention not to proceed in the treaty with the Queen of Scots until she put on another matter of opinion.

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[June] 24. 33. Archbishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. Excuses for seldom writing. Audience of the King and Queen of France. Advice from the King respecting the change in her guardian. King of France's good words towards her. Audience of the Queen Mother to the same effect. Arrival of Don Bernardino de Mendoza as Ambassador from Spain. Money for the King of Scots. Earnest dealing of the Duke of Guise. Departure of the Master of Gray for Scotland. Fr. [With a postscript from the Archbishop's Secretary to Mons. Nau, and a letter of consolation from Cardinal Borromeo to the Queen of Scots in Latin; all in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

June 16. 34. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Queen's grief at the death of Monsieur [The Duc d'Anjou]. The Queen of Scots to go to Buxton. Queen Elizabeth better satisfied with Mr. Beale's narrative of their negotiation; and will perhaps consent to the going forward of the treaty with the Queen of Scots; and will take some resolution for his recall during the summer.

July 7. 35. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière. The great benefit she has derived from the use of the waters there. Has written to the Queen of England to end the treaty so long suspended, and requests him, in delivering her letters, to press it as earnestly as he can, both in her own name and in that of her good brother, the King of France. Fr.

July 14. 36. Robert Parsons to Sir Thomas Englefield. The French and the Scots somewhat "appassionate." Their great desire for the advancement of the King of Scots and Duke of Guise. Little regard for the Queen of Scots. Persuasions of the Spanish Ambassador. The Pope will do nothing without the King of Spain. Departure of the Duke of Guise. The French King's design on his life. Succession to the French Crown. News of England and Scotland, Flanders, &c. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

July ? Lady Hungerford to the Duchess of Feria. She knows in whose keeping the Queen of Scots is. If she had come to her brother St. John's house she should have had full notice what and how to do. Advice to correspond with Allen, Parsons, the Bishop of Glasgow, Morgan, Lord Paget and others. [With the preceding, and in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes, indorsed "Letters decifred."]

July 23. 37. King James to his mother Queen Mary. Thanks her for her kindness in sending Fontenay to visit him. Expresses his gratification to hear of her incomprehensible maternal affection. Commends Fontenay. Her wishes for their perfect union and association; puts it off till the return of Lord Seton, meanwhile will prepare their subjects for it. Will send to the Queen of England to desire her release. Fr. [In cipher, deciphered, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes. Indorsed by Lords Burghley, Shrewsbury, Hunsdon, Cobham, and Sir Francis Walsyngham.]

July 23. 38. Copy of the preceding letter, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. Fr.

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August 8. 39. John Lesley, Bishop of Ross, to the Queen of Scots. Has not written for a long time for fear of bringing her into suspicion. Complains of the hard treatment of her Treasurer who has refused to pay him his allowance. Fr.

August 8. 40. Bishop of Ross to Mons. Mauvissière. Begs him to forward a letter to the Queen of Scots. Fr. [With a note by Mauvissière, addressed to the Queen's Secretary Mons. Nau, begging him to forward the Queen's answer.]

August 15. 41. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Directs him to take charge of the Queen of Scots in the absence of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

August 15. 42. Queen Elizabeth to Lord Darcy. Informs him of the committal of the Queen of Scots into the custody of Sir Ralph Sadleir, and desires him to give such aid to Sir Ralph as he shall require.

August 15. 43. Queen Elizabeth to the Sheriffs of Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester. Has appointed Sir Ralph Sadleir to have the charge of the Queen of Scots, and desires them to aid him when he shall require it.

August 15. 44. Queen Elizabeth to all Justices of the Peace, Mayors, &c. Desiring them to assist Sir Ralph Sadleir in his custody of the Queen of Scots.

August 15. 45. Mons. Fontenay to the Queen of Scots. Unable before to write of his proceedings in France and since his return. Money sent by the Duke of Guise to the King of Scots; his intention to come there as soon as the forces of the King of Spain are ready. Interview with the King of Scots; his professions towards her; the proposed Association between them; her liberty; means to be employed to obtain it. The King's proceedings against the Ministry; his marriage. Execution of Gowry. Alliance between France and Scotland. Her friends in England; Burghley one of them. Affairs of Scotland. Arran. Montrose. Lethington. [In cipher, with an interlinear explanation in French, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes, and with a postscript from Fontenay to the Queen's Secretary Mons. Nau.]

August 15. 46. Deciphered copy of the preceding letter.

August 15. 47. Another copy, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.

August 25. 48. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Sir Ralph Sadleir to arrive there that evening. Ready to refute anything which William Cavendish can allege against him. Complains of his wife's proceedings against him, and his son's. Removes the Queen of Scots to Wingfield on Thursday.

August 25. 49. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports his arrival. Has entreated Lord Shrewsbury not to remove the Queen of Scots to Wingfield till they can hear from her Majesty; had rather keep her here [at Sheffield] with 60 men than at Wingfield with 300.

August 31. 50. Earl of Huntly to the Queen of Scots. Assures her of his humble and dutiful obedience and service in anything wherein she shall please to employ him. Received her letter by Mons. Fontenay. Refers for the state of Scotland to his report and George Dougias.

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August. 51. "Orders which have been set downe by y^e Right Honourable y^e Earle of Shrewsbury, and observed wthin his house for y^e garde and sure keeping of y^e Scottish Queene under his charge."

Sept. 2. 52. John Somer to Lord Burghley. Informs him of the protestations of the Queen of Scots towards her Majesty, of her desire to send Nau to her Majesty and then into Scotland, of her illness and her frequent tears.

Sept. 2. 53. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' satisfaction at his being there. Dissatisfaction at not hearing from her Majesty. Professions of her good meaning towards her Majesty. Her removal to Wingfield. Negligence of the posts. *Incloses,*

53. I. *Orders observed in the Earl of Shrewsbury's house for the sure keeping of the Queen of Scots.*

August.

Sept. 2. 54. Mr. Liggon to the Queen of Scots. Reports an interview with the Prince of Parma, the soliciting his help for her, and the Prince's answer and promise of assistance. [*In cipher. Indorsed by Mr. Thomas Phelippes.*]

Sept. 2. Decipher of the same. [*With Vol. xiv., No. 90.*]

Sept. 2. 55. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Removal of the Scottish Queen there. Arrangements for her safe custody. Talk between her and Mr. Somer on their way from Sheffield. Necessary alteration of the posts. *Incloses,*

55. I. *Talk betweene the Scottish Queene and John Somer, ryding from Sheffield to Wingfield, about her illness, her Majesty's want of confidence in her, her influence over her son, offers to her Majesty, the Pope's bull against the protestants, proposed match for the King of Scots, &c.*

September 2.

Sept. 7. 56. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports from Ireland of Scottish forces. Suspicion of the Spaniard. The King of Scotland's proceedings against sundry of his nobles. The Queen's excuses for the same. Purport of her letters which she desired him to send up to her Majesty. The French Ambassadors.

[Sept. 10.] 57. Robert Parsons to the Queen of Scots. Sent her letter to the Prince of Parma. Commends Mr. Owen, a man of special credit with the Prince. The thwarts which Dr. Allen and himself receive daily. Their determination to leave such matters, and follow their spiritual duties only. Commanded by the King of Spain to continue their suit to the Prince of Parma. Difficulty of effecting her escape; a plan for it. Ciphers. Money sent to the King of Scots by the King of Spain. The Prince of Parma to be tempted by an offer of marriage to her. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes, and indorsed by him "Decifred p Phelippes."*]

Sept. 16. 58. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. The Queen cannot determine touching the Scottish Queen's request to send Nau up to her. Her indecision increases daily. Her wonder that the Queen of Scots should allow of the harsh proceedings in Scotland against so many principal persons of that realm.

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Sept. 19. 59. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. All well there. Wingfield. Care of Lord Shrewsbury's servants. The Scottish Queen's desire to send up to her Majesty. Begs to be recalled before the winter.

Sept. 21. 60. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen's refusal to allow the Queen of Scots to send Nau up to her. The Queen of Scots' complaints; her professions towards her Majesty; her denial of any knowledge or communication with Crichton; her defence of her son's hard proceedings in Scotland.

[Sept. 30.] 61. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Hopes of his release and Shrewsbury's return. Particulars of one Crichton, a Jesuit, lately captured, upon whom had been found a plot for the invasion of England. Marriage of the King of Spain's daughter. The project to match her with the King of Scotland. News of the Low Countries.

Sept. ? 62. Advertisements relative to the Catholic cause:—Charles Browne is in Spain; Blackewell, an Englishman, and servant to the Duchess of Feria, has departed towards the Court, and is suspected to be a spy; the Queen of Scots has sent him word that she looks for no relief but at his Majesty the King of Spain's hands, and wishes to be informed of the second preparation of the fleet.

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Oct. 2. 1. Anthony Standen to the Queen of Scots. Reports a negotiation with the Duke of Florence. Marriage of his daughter. Report of the Queen of Scots being with child by the Earl of Shrewsbury. His contradiction of the reports against her. Their professions towards her. Fr. [Entirely in cipher. *Indorsed by Mr. Phelippes.*]

Oct. 2. 2. A contemporary decipher of the same, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.

Oct. 3. 3. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Communicated to the Queen of Scots that he trusted she would soon be allowed to send Nau to her Majesty. Expediency of trying her sincerity. Her son wholly at her devotion. Her professions towards England. Necessity of her remaining in Shrewsbury's custody if she remains in that part of the country.

Oct. 5. 4. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Cautions him to take care that the Queen of Scots does not attempt to escape. The Court. Desires him to send word what number of men he has there, and what gentlemen of strength and trust dwell near him.

Oct. 6. 5. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Reports the apprehension of one of Shrewsbury's servants. Baldwin discovered to have secret intelligence with the Queen of Scots. Cautions him respecting her safe custody, and advises him to procure "furniture" dags, petronells, &c., for his men.

Oct. 7. 6. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Wingfield. Packet of papers for France from the Queen of Scots and her servants. Her dowry, Money matters. Letters for Scotland, from Queen Mary, Nau, Curril, and Mrs. Mowbray.

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Oct. 8. Wingfield. 7. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' indifference about the change of her keeper. Little likelihood of her escape. Names of the gentry thereabouts able to assist him. Number of his men. Nau's going to her Majesty can do no harm.

Oct. 14. Wingfield. 8. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports respecting some disputes between Shrewsbury's servants. A quarrel between one Hawkesworth and Mr. Bentall, the gentleman porter. Hawkesworth's reasons for leaving his Lordship's service.

Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. 9. Abstracts of letters of Mons. Mauvissière to the Queen of Scots. The French King's desire to mediate for her. Marriage of the King of Spain's daughter. General news of France. The Master of Gray to be sent to England. Expediency of her [Queen Mary] satisfying the Queen of England. Fr.

Oct. 17. London. 10. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Communication between Baldwin and Currill [two servants of the Queen of Scots]. Parliament summoned for the 23rd; the chief object is to disable those who pretend any title to the English Crown. The Queen's reasons for not letting Nau come up at present.

Oct. 18. Wingfield. 11. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière. In respect to certain scandalous reports spread abroad by the Countess of Shrewsbury, of her behaviour with the Earl of Shrewsbury, and her intention to require satisfaction for the same from the Queen of England and her Council, and requesting that the Countess' two sons, Charles and William Cavendish, may be summoned before the Council and examined in the matter. Fr.

Oct. 20. Wingfield. 12. Queen of Scots to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs him to consider the advantage which will accrue to the kingdom from the treaty proposed between the Queen of England, herself, and her son. Desires him to suspend his judgment on any assertions which may be made by the good Countess [of Shrewsbury], and rather to believe her own sincerity than the false practices of a woman so adept in all sorts of wickedness. Fr.

Oct. 21. Wingfield. 13. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards letters from the Queen of Scots; her grief at the foul slanders spread against her by the Countess of Shrewsbury. Baldwin's correspondence with Currill. The custody of the Queen of Scots. Tutbury can soon be put in readiness for her.

Oct. 21. Wingfield. 14. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. His opinion of certain ambiguous words written in an intercepted letter. The Scottish Queen's anxiety to hear from her Majesty; promises to submit to her; professions of sincerity; and talk about her son's marriage.

Oct. 25. Wingfield. 15. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Informs him of his inability to get the necessary provisions there, as requested by the Earl of Shrewsbury. If the Earl be discharged, the sooner the better. Nottingham and Tutbury Castles are the fittest places for the Queen of Scots to be removed to; and the Earl of Rutland the fittest man to succeed Shrewsbury. Begs to be recalled himself.

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Oct. 25.
Wingfield.

16. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports particulars of the apprehension and examination of one Tokey, living near Ashbourne, who had sent a letter to the Queen of Scots, *Incloses*,

16. I. *The examination of Edward Tokey, taken before Sir Thomas Cokayn, as to his movements during the last few days, and the places he lodged at, at Wednesbury, Uttoxeter, Ashborne, and elsewhere.*
October 23.

16. II. *The examination of Edward Tokey by Sir Ralph Sadleir as to the object of his communication with the Queen of Scots.*
October 25.

Oct. 28.

17. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Instructs him of the Queen's pleasure respecting the coming up of Mons. Nau to her; to charge Currill with his late indirect dealing with Baldwin; and to require explanation of certain points of his letter.

Oct. 28.

18. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Assures him, in regard to a passage in Currill's letter, that there is no suspicion of his having shown too much favour to the Queen of Scots. Informs him of her Majesty's intention to commit the custody of the Scottish Queen to Lord St. John, and to give orders to the Sheriff of Staffordshire for the removal of Lord Paget's "stuff" to Tutbury, for her accommodation there.

[Oct.]

19. Memoranda, by Sir Francis Walsyngham, respecting the proposed removal of the Queen of Scots to Tutbury, of matters to be attended to, Lord Paget's stuff to be removed to Tutbury, provisions to be procured, &c.

Oct. 28.

20. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Desires him to inform the Queen of Scots, in regard to her late kind and friendly letters, that she will allow her Secretary Nau to come up to her; and that she hopes he will bring sufficient matter to work a thorough reconciliation between them.

Oct. 28.

21. Copy of the same.

Nov.

22. "Mons. Nau, his private notes of remembrance what to say from the Queen of Scots to every particular Counsellor at his coming to London." Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

[Nov.]

23. Requests to be made to the Queen of England [by Mons. Nau] in behalf of the Queen of Scots, on her removal to Tutbury, for the treaty for her liberty, for a greater number of attendants, order of her diet, a litter and horses, &c. Fr.

Nov. 3.

24. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. The Queen resolved to remove the Queen of Scots about the 23rd or 24th of this month; Lord St. John to have the charge of her; Tutbury to be put in readiness. The Master of Gray's audience of her Majesty [Queen Elizabeth].

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Nov. 3. 25. A note of certain points to be resolved by Sir Ralph Sadleir, as to the number of persons necessary for the custody of the Queen of Scots at Tutbury.

Nov. 3. 26. Copy of the same.

Nov. 5. 27. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. The bearer, Bryan Cave, sent down to prepare Tutbury for the Queen of Scots. The wardrobe stuff must be borrowed from Lord Paget.

Nov. 7. 28. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen's permission for Mons. Nau to be sent up to the Court by the Queen of Scots. The Queen of Scots' thanks; her weakness. Matters charged against Currill. The cipher sent to Baldwin. Determined removal of the Queen of Scots to Tutbury. Tokey unsound in his wits. The Queen of Scots' assent to the "Association" in defence of the Queen of England.

Nov. 7. 29. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Explains in reference to an ill opinion conceived of him [Walsyngham] by the Queen of Scots, and conveys compliments from her.

[Nov.] 30. Queen of Scots to the Master of Gray. A long letter of instructions on various points to be remembered by him in his negotiation with the Queen of England, and respecting the unhappy division between her and her son, which is so prejudicial to both of them. *[In cipher, imperfectly deciphered, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]*

Nov. ? 31. Instructions sent by the Queen of Scots to the Master of Gray, to be added by him to those which he has received from the King of Scots, her son. Fr. *[In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]*

Nov. 10. 32. Master of Gray to the Queen of Scots. Sorry that he did not have her letter earlier, as he has already had two audiences. Cannot alter the King's instructions, but assures her that the King will do nothing prejudicial to her. Cannot answer her letter particularly, but will take an opportunity of communicating with Mons. Nau. Writes to Scotland now, and will communicate to the King the contents of her letter. Fr. *[In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]*

Nov. 10. 33. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mons. Nau setting forward towards the English Court; the route he is to take; his instructions from the Queen of Scots. Fitness of Tutbury to receive the Queen of Scots; provisions to be made there; other preparations for her removal.

Nov. 14. 34. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Not having heard from him, sends the bearer to know the Queen's pleasure respecting the continuation of his journey. Fr.

Nov. 15. 35. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Delayed coming of Lord St. John. The Earl's officers have received no order to enlarge their company. Mr. Cave not arrived yet. Suggestions about fresh soldiers. Has appointed Mr. Agard to receive the wardrobe stuff at Tutbury.

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Nov. 15. 36. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Number of the Queen of Scots' attendants. "Services" [meats] usually provided for her; want of good sea fish; the expenses will be much increased. Continual illness of the Queen. If any treaty be made, she will not stand upon any alteration of the religion in Scotland.

[Nov. 15.] 37. The heads of a letter from Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. The Queen of Scots to be removed; plate and linen to be sent down for her use; Lord Shrewsbury to lend some in the meantime.

Nov. 16. 38. Sir Francis Englefield to the King of Spain. Respecting the removal of the Queen of Scots from the custody of the Earl of Shrewsbury, and urging the King's instant attention to her affairs, on account of the strength gained every day by the heretics, and the fear lest her Royal person be secretly destroyed and made away. *[In cipher.]*

Nov. 16. Decipher of the same. *[Vol. xv., No. 4.]*

Nov. 16. Another copy *[With Vol. xvii., No. 75.]*

Nov. 18. 39. Hieronymo Martelli to the Queen of Scots. Warns her to beware of Mauvissière. All discovered through Throgmorton's book. Conjures her to secrecy. Their letters deciphered before they reach her. Underhand dealing with her is very evident. Gives her advice. The King too intimate with the Earl of Arran. Some choice man must be employed by her in Scotland. The Duke of Guise sorry for her condition. George Buchanan's books. King of Spain. Nothing to be done this year. Danger of any treaty with the Queen of England. Dr. Allen's answer to the infamous book against the Pope. *[In cipher, with interlinear explanation, by Mr. Phelippes, with the signature of Lord Burghley and others on the back.]*

Nov. 18. 40. Decipher of the same, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.

Paris.

Nov. 19. 41. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Intended removal of the Queen of Scots to Tutbury. Provisions; plate; linen. Soldiers to be levied round Tutbury; their entertainment. Proposes sending away the children of the Queen of Scots' attendants and changing her coachmen.

Nov. 19. 42. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Removal of the Queen of Scots to be delayed in consequence of her ill health. The matter left at his discretion. Lord St. John has arrived and will be dispatched as soon as conveniently may be. Mons. Nau had audience of the Queen yesterday.

Nov. 20. 43. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Lord Shrewsbury has sent him word that the provisions at Wingfield will last till the end of the month, and after that he may procure more from his officers. Mons. Nau wished that the Queen of Scots should not be informed of the intention to remove her till his return.

Nov. 22. 44. "A note of suché parcells of lynnē as haue bene prouided and boughte for the service of the Scottish Queene."

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Nov. 23. 45. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Provisions not to be procured after the end of the month. Fresh warrant to be obtained of the Earl of Shrewsbury. The health of the Queen of Scots. Soldiers. Plate, linen, wine, and beer at Tutbury.

Nov. 24. 46. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Desires to know the Queen's pleasure before he visits Mons. Mauvissière, being anxious neither in word or deed to break his promise. Fr.

[Nov. 25.] 47. Requests made by Mons. Nau to the Lords appointed to confer with him, for leave to go to Scotland to confer with the King, and to be confronted with Lady Shrewsbury, touching the slanderous speeches given out by her against the Queen of Scots.

Nov. 26. 48. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks him for his endeavours to relieve him of his charge. Recommends that Lord St. John should be at Tutbury to receive the Queen of Scots, and not come to Wingfield to convey her there.

Nov. 26. 49. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. The Queen not able to attend to that matter for various reasons. Authorizes him to get provisions for ten or twelve days longer. Nau's requests to the Council in behalf of the Queen of Scots.

Nov. 28. 50. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards certain "offers" of the Queen of Scots for her liberty, for the full consideration of himself, the Lord Treasurer, and Lord Leycester.

Nov. 28. 51. "Howshould stuff and other things of the late Lo. Pagett's sente from Burton and Bewdesert to Tutbury Castle, by Thos. Gresley, Esquier, Shiriff of the Com. of Staff, and ther received by Brian Cave, appointed thereto by the Lords of her Majesty's Counsaile."

Dec. 1. 52. The sum of certain "articles" delivered by Mons. Nau to the Privy Council of England, of offers made by the Queen of Scots for her liberty. Fr.

Dec. 1. 53. A similar paper, in English.

[Dec. 1.] 54. A similar paper, having been addressed to Sir Francis Walsyngham, and having his marginal remarks on the several articles.

[Dec. 1.] 55. "Mons. Nau's particular requests to her Majesty in behalf of y^e Queen his mistress." Fr.

[Dec.] 56. Articles propounded by Mons. Nau, with the answers thereto.

[Dec.] 57. "Memoryes for Mons. Nau, to be used to the Queen of England." Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.*]

[Dec.] 58. Cautions and provisions for the due observation of the articles of a treaty proposed with the Queen of Scots.

[Dec.] 59. "The manner of proceeding" in respect to the said treaty.

[Dec.] 60. Articles to be propounded to the Scottish Queen, grounded for the most part upon her own offers.

[Dec.] 61. Copy of the same.

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[Dec.] 62. "A note of such things as are to be propounded to Mons. Nau, not contained in the articles by him propounded."

[Dec.] 63. "Articles to be observed on her Majesty's behalf towards the Scottish Queen."

Dec. 2. Wingfield. 64. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Provision for a fortnight longer. Lodgings appointed for the Queen at Tutbury. Mr. Cavendish's house in the town. Plate, linen, matting, carpets, &c.

Dec. 2. Wingfield. 65. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Plate necessary for the Queen of Scots. Mr. Chancellor [Sadleir] is much perplexed at Lord St. John's long stay, and at the thought that when he comes he [Sadleir] shall have to stop with him. *Incloses*,

65. I. *A note of parcells of plate thought necessary for the Scottish Queene's chambre and cubbord, and for the rest of her folke.* December 1.

Dec. 3. 66. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Informs her that she has released the Earl of Shrewsbury of his charge of her, has appointed Sir Ralph Sadleir to take his place, and directed him to remove her to Tutbury. Thanks her for a piece of work sent by Mons. Nau.

[Dec. 3.] 67. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Appoints him to have charge of the Queen of Scots for a time, in room of the Earl of Shrewsbury, and directs him to remove her to Tutbury; but to remove her so as such removal be not prejudicial to her health.

[Dec. 3] 68. Copy of the same.

[Dec. 3.] 69. "A consideration of the articles delyvered by M. Nau, y^o Scottish Queen's Ambassador." [In the autograph of Lord Burghley.]

[Dec. 3.] 70. Contemporary copy of the same.

Dec. 4. 71. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. With letters to be presented to the Queen his mistress [Queen Mary], in behalf of the gentleman recommended by his Honour to obtain the good offices of the Queen, and the King her son, or either of them. From his knowledge of affairs, he did not expect anything permanent or stable would be obtained. Fr.

Dec. 5. 72. Monsieur Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs him to forward the matter he has in hand, by allowing his Sovereign's dispatches to be forwarded to him always without delay. Informs him of her illness, and remarks on the inexpediency of her being taken to Tutbury. Fr.

Dec. 5. Sir Francis Englefield to Cardinal Como. On the vain hope of succours for the reducing of England to the Catholic Church; and on the inexpediency of delay. The change in the custody of the Queen of Scots. Matters are tending to her final murder and ruin. [Vol. xv. No. 4.]

Another copy. [Vol. xvii., No. 75.]

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Dec. 5. 73. Sir Francis Englefield to the Queen of Scots. A motion made to him concerning two nieces of the King of Spain's. Little hope of help for her there [in Spain]. The King's continued good feeling towards her. Influence of Don Bernardino; his mission to France. Change in her guard and keepers. [*In cipher.*]

Dec. 5. Decipher of the above. [*Vol. xv., No. 4.*]

Copy of another letter, entirely in cipher. [*With No. 73.*]

Dec. 6. 74. [Hieronymo Martelli to one of the Secretaries of the Queen of Scots.] A change in the Spanish matches. Talk with the Spanish Ambassador about the King of Scots' marriage. The King of Spain's and the Pope's doubts about his religion and the expedience of their assisting him; matters much retarded in consequence, and on account of the book divulged since the death of Throgmorton, which gives particulars of the enterprise. [*In cipher, with interlinear explanation by Mr. Phelippes. Attested by Lord Burghley and others.*]

Dec. 6. 75. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Queen Elizabeth. Thanks her for gracious letters. Begs to be recalled. Finds the Queen of Scots much altered, and well affected towards her Majesty.

Dec. 6. 76. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Queen Mary's receipt of her Majesty's letter. Her marvel at not hearing from Nau; her complaints. Provision; plate, &c.

Dec. 6. 77. John Somer to Lord Burghley. In behalf of his sister, whose husband had lately died, that she may have the wardship of her son. Intended removal of the Scottish Queen to Tutbury; her complaints and passion at not hearing from Nau.

Dec. 7. 78. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Commends one William Grene to her, as a person willing and able to serve her, and sends the copy of a letter to be written by her Majesty to him, accepting his service. [*In cipher. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.*]

Dec. 7. Decipher of the same, in the handwriting of Mr. T. Phelippes. [*With No. 17, Vol. xvi.*]

Dec. 8. 79. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. Expresses her grief that her good intentions towards her are so thwarted. Begs her to excuse her that she incloses a letter to her agent [Nau], and entreats to be released from her misery. Fr.

Dec. 8. 80. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Complaints of the Queen of Scots at not hearing from Nau; her bad leg; her dislike to go to Tutbury; her jealousy of the Master of Gray's being sent to England without her knowledge. Tutbury ready. Necessity for their removal.

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Dec. 9. 81. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Authorizes him to get provisions at her Majesty's expence for ten days longer, Monsieur Nau not being likely to return within the time limited.

Dec. 9. Wingfield. 82. Queen of Scots to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for courtesy to Nau and herself. Begs the delivery of a packet to Nau containing letters to the Queen, and that he will forward the answers to her immediately. Fr.

Dec. 10. Wingfield. 83. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' thanks for their usage of Nau. Her dislike about the Master of Gray's dealing with her Majesty. Necessity of their removal. Lack of beds and hangings at Tutbury.

Dec. 12. 84. Monsieur Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs audience of himself and the Queen of England.

Dec. 12. 85. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Desires that Mr. Cave may view the house and grounds of Mr. Cavendish at Tutbury, wherein it is proposed that the Lord St. John shall live.

Dec. 14. Wingfield. 86. Queen of Scots to the Master of Gray. A long letter of remonstrance, on his suffering himself to be led away by the persuasions of those who are seeking their particular benefit, rather than the public good, in endeavouring to break the Association between her and her son. Warns him how he proceeds further in such a matter; he who brought it forward can be but a fool and a traitor. Fr.

[Dec.] 87. Monsieur Nau to the Master of Gray. A long letter of remonstrance, on his having proceeded in his negotiation with regard to the Queen of Scots, and pretending that he had nothing to do with her. Complaining of his general disregard of her affairs in not answering his letters, and in refusing him an interview. Fr.

Dec. 14. Wingfield. 88. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière. Thanks him for the care he continues to take for perfecting the long delayed treaty, and begs him to convey her thanks also to the King and Queen of France; requests him also, when he goes to Scotland, to remonstrate with the King on the new measure which his Ministers, if not himself, have lately brought forward. Fr.

Dec. 14. Namur. 89. Mr. Liggons to the Queen of Scots. Delivered the alphabet to the Prince of Parma. Difficulties in the conveyance of letters. Illness. The disposition towards the enterprise cooled. The Prince there more disposed to martial matters. Little likely to be done for her by certain persons beyond common courtesies. The enterprize so furiously intended is nothing more than a stratagem. The slanders spread against her by the Countess of Shrewsbury. The Duke's [Norfolk's] dislike of the Countess on account of her dissolute life. The matter of another lady which he laments from the bottom of his heart. How long is it since the child was brought over the sea? *[In cipher.]*

Dec. 14. 90. Decipher of the same.

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Dec. 15. Wingfield. 91. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Likelihood of great difficulty in getting provisions. His determination to remove the Queen on the 21st. Urges the absolute necessity of the removal.

Dec. 16. Wingfield. 92. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Want of provisions; forced to send to Mr. Cave to bring what he has provided at Tutbury. The Queen's excuses for not removing. Begs that he may have satisfaction for his charges; and requests instructions for his proceedings.

Dec. 17. 93. William Waad to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Interview between Nau and the French Ambassador [Mauvissière]. Letters delivered by him. Purport of an arrogant letter from the Master of Gray. The Queen of Scots' threats to Gray. Nau's speeches against him. [Not signed.]

Dec. 18. The Court. 94. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Direction for provisions for a fortnight longer. Nau's report about Tutbury, that the lodgings are out of order and unfit to be used.

Dec. 19. St. James'. 95. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Desires him from the Queen not to remove the Queen of Scots till the return of Mons. Nau.

[Dec.] 96. A note of pensions given by the Queen of Scotland to ecclesiastics of that nation in France, for the year ending December, 1584.

Dec. 21. Wingfield. 97. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Supply of provisions. Necessity of her Majesty's insisting on the Queen of Scots' removal to Tutbury; her excuses. Provision for the soldiers. State of Tutbury.

Dec. 21. Wingfield. 98. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports as to the state of Tutbury Castle, and the dimensions and description of the rooms appointed for the Queen of Scots.

Dec. 21. 99. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for speedy answer to his last articles. Begs an audience before he can complete them and leave. Fr.

Dec. 24. Wingfield. 100. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Purport of a letter from Nau to the Queen of Scots. His expected return. The Queen of Scots' state of health; his urging her to move to Tutbury.

Dec. 25. 101. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for his great courtesies. Begs that the Queen's letters to his Sovereign may be sent by the bearer, as well as those to Sadleir and Somer, respecting the treatment of his mistress. Fr.

1584, Dec. 26. Lord Paget (?) to the Queen of Scots. Reports his negotiation with the Prince of Parma respecting the money promised to her by the King of Spain, the proposed application to Mons. Taxis about it, the Prince's offer to provide it himself, &c. [Copy, deciphered by Gilbert Curll. Vol. xvii, No. 56.]

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[Dec.]

102. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. The Queen's pleasure at the departure of the Earl of Shrewsbury's servants. Nau's return. The removal to Tutbury. Lord St. John's refusal to take charge of the Queen of Scots. Curril's report of the state of Tutbury.

Dec. 29.
Wingfield.

103. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sadleir's desire to be recalled. His care. The means taken to prevent access to the Queen of Scots ; the night watch over her.

Dec. 29.

104. Copy of a letter, "whereof one copy was sent to the Pope, and another to the King of Spain, by Sir F. Englefield," giving the contents of a letter which the Queen of Scots wrote on November 9, prior to her removal to Tutbury, saying that she hoped nothing good out of the treaty with the Queen of England for her liberty, and begging that the great plot might go forward without any respect of peril or danger to herself. [*In cipher.*]

Dec. 29.

Decipher of the same. [Vol. xvii., No. 75.]

[Dec.]
Rome.

105. Hieronymo Martelli to the Queen of Scots. Communicated to the Duke of Guise his negotiations with the Pope and King of Spain ; his compassion for her. Matters retarded by Throgmorton's confessions. The Duke's grief on account of Throgmorton's disclosures. The Pope refers all to the King of Spain ; his relation of her case to the Pope. Inexpediency of her making any accord with the Queen of England. The King of Scots to be assisted. A pretended Ambassador at the Court of Rome. [*In cipher.*]

[Dec.]

106. A deciphered copy, in French, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.

[Dec.]

Another copy. [Vol. xv. No. 2.]

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107. "Information taken out of the book containing the negotiation of Lord Seton" respecting his communications with Sir Francis Englefield, and others.

[Dec.]

108. Queen of Scots to M. Fontenay. Instruction for interceding with the King of Scotland, respecting the marriage of Huntly's sister with Argyll ; proposed marriage of the Duke of Lennox with the Lady Arbella ; to intercede for the Hamiltons ; to assure Colonel Stewart of her favour ; to accept Bothwell's duty proffered to her. Fr.

Dec.

109. Mary Queen of Scots to M. de Mauvissière. Thanks him for his diligence in refuting the calumnies against her. Desires him to do his best to discover the authors of them. Since such things were spoken of her, whose affection to the House of France could not be doubted, matters of a much graver nature might be charged against her to the Queen of England. Her long confinement has made her forgetful of all intelligence. Requisite to report to the Countess of Shrewsbury what the Queen had said of her. Has only written in a general manner to her brother-in-law the Duke. Fr.

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Dec. ? 110. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' thanks for the leave granted to her to send an Ambassador to her son. Begs a passport, &c. Fr.

Dec. ? 111. "Protestation by the Countess of Shrewsbury," and her two sons, of the chaste and honourable deportment of the Queen of Scots, and of their disbelief of the scandalous falsehoods and reports spread abroad against her. Fr.

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[Jan.]

1. The Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. Interview with the Spanish Ambassador Mendoça; his affection towards her. The enterprise intended against England. A book against the Earl of Leycester. The Duke of Guise and the Pope's forwardness to help her and her son. Gray's mission to London. The projected treaty between her and the Queen of England; inexpedience of it. The apprehension of Crichton; his disclosures. Death of Cardinal Borromeo. Audience of the King of France. The pension promised to the King of Scots. Audience of the Queen Mother; her project for marrying the King of Scots with the Princess of Lorraine. Fr. *[In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]*

Jan. 2.

Beverland.

2. The Prince of Parma to the Queen of Scots. Thanks her for the great trust she reposes in him. Assures her of his affection. If he were not wholly tied to the King [of Spain]'s service, he would venture his person for her; no more noble action for a soldier than to employ himself for such a mirror of constancy and Christianity. Span. *[In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]*

Jan. 2.

3. Sir Francis Englefield to the Queen of Scots. Reports his endeavours in her behalf, with the Pope and King of Spain, on the news of the change of her keeper. Remarks on the accusations fathered upon Throgmorton. The new oath of association. The Queen of England's feigned fear, &c. *[In cipher.]*

Jan. 2.

4. Decipher of the same.

Jan. 2.

Another copy. *[With Vol. xvii., No. 75.]*

Jan. 2.

Another copy of the same letter, in cipher. *[Vol. xiv., No. 73.]*

Jan. 4.

5. Lord Burghley to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Informs him of Lord St. John's refusal to take charge of the Queen of Scots; of her Majesty's displeasure with him; and her determination to send Sir Amias Powlet to replace Sir Ralph Sadleir.

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Jan. 4. 6. Mr. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. His conversation with the Spanish Ambassador about the King of Scotland being a protestant; there is little hope, therefore, from Spain of the matter she wotteth of. Advises her to try and escape in man's clothes; assistance to be given her by a priest named Doleman, who is well acquainted in Staffordshire and Derbyshire, and about Tutbury. Discontent of Mr. Charles Arundel at not getting the money owing to him by her. Compliments to her from Lord Paget. [In cipher, indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.]

Jan.

7. Decipher of the same, by Mr. Thomas Phelippes.

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8. Extracts of three letters from the Queen of Scots:—

To the Master of Gray, expressing her opinion of the inexperience of the King of Scotland's sending him to England.

Wingfield, October 1, 1584.

To the King her son, hoping, in reference to the altered language of Gray, that he will not force her to any treaty which will be disadvantageous to her. Wingfield, January 5, 1584.

To the Master of Gray, in regard to the Queen of England's artifice in holding out the project of the English succession to her son.

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Jan. 5.

Wingfield.

9. Declaration by the Queen of Scots, promising to be an enemy to all those who shall attempt anything against the life of the Queen of England. Fr.

Jan. 5.

10. Copy of the same.

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11. Another copy. *

Jan. 5.

Wingfield.

12. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Glasgow. Rejoicing in the assurance which the Queen of England has given her in the late treaty; and being in better hope of liberty than ever, desires that he will request her parents and friends to give up any designs they may have in hand tending to the trouble of England, the quiet and preservation of which she wishes above all other things, intending in future to depend entirely on the friendship of the Queen her good sister. Fr.

Jan. 5.

Rouen.

[Robert Parsons?] to the Queen of Scots. Alludes to former letters he had written to her, touching her escape, to which he had received no answer. Godfrey Foljambe commended as fit to serve her. Broils in France. Her poor servants are dealing zealously in God's cause and hers. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes, with the name "Parsons" added by him as the signature. With No. 21.]

Jan. 5.

13. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Hears of her removal to Tutbury. Begs her to be of good comfort. Leycester's threats against her. An Englishman arrived to kill Charles Arundel; money lent him. Paget. My Lord of Glasgow. Severe laws in England against priests. [In cipher. Indorsed by Lord Burghley, Shrewsbury, and others.]

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14. Decipher of the same, by Mr. Thomas Phelippes.

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Jan. 6. Wingfield. 15. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Nau's return. Queen's Mary's satisfaction at his reception ; her promises. Removal to Tutbury deferred till the 13th. Plate ; linen. His desire to be recalled.

Jan. [12.] Wingfield. 16. Commission, from the Queen of Scots, for certain persons to negotiate with the King her son, respecting his association with her in the Sovereignty of Scotland.

Jan. 12. Wingfield. 17. Monsieur Nau to Monsieur Fontenay. Compliments him on his prudent bearing during his difficult negotiation in Scotland. The Queen's satisfaction. The matter of the "Association." Gray's menacing letter to the Queen of Scots. Gray's negotiation in England in better hope of the Queen's liberty. Fr.

[Jan. 12.] 18. Queen of Scots to Mons: Fontenay. Sends a commission, of which he will use the articles most apropos. Sends an alphabet for Maitland. The Queen of England finds fault with what she has written to the King her son and others about him, which she supposes proceeds from Gray.

Jan. 13. Wingfield. 19. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Lord St. John persuaded to take the charge of the Queen of Scots. 70*l.* a week set down for her diet. Depart for Tutbury to-day. Stop at Derby. Preparations for the removal. Future regulations.

Jan. 13. Wingfield. 20. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A suit for the Laird of Ester Wemyss to the Queen of Scots. Recommends certain gentlemen as fit persons to assist Lord St. John in his charge instead of Sir Amias Powlet.

Jan. 13. Camp at Bever. 21. Hugh Owen to the Queen of Scots. Negotiations with the Prince of Parma, Parsons, Englefield, and others. The King of Spain approves of the Prince of Parma's plan. The Prince wishes to be the head of the enterprise ; his opinion of the expedience of her making her escape. The Prince offers money to effect it, and he himself [Owen] will venture his life to put it in execution. Suggests the manner and time fit for it ; meantime, she must temporise with the Queen of England. Once free, she will find followers enough in England itself, where she is next successor, and ought to have preceded. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.*]

Jan. 20. Tutbury. 22. Queen of Scots to Lord Burghley. Has come there in full confidence of the care which the Queen of England has promised her. Wishes to know how and by whom certain letters of hers were sent to her son. Having done all she can to satisfy the Queen her good sister, trusts that her affairs will not be delayed. Has offered to join the Association for the defence of her Majesty's person, and entreats that she may be allowed to do so. Fr.

Jan. 23. Tutbury. 23. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. In favour of his servant John Danet who had "indented" with Andrew Melvill and another for some plate.

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Jan. 30. London. 24. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Desires him to explain to the Queen of Scots the reason of the delay of a letter which she had written to her son, and to apologise for the furniture of Tutbury, in its not being meet for a Princess of her place and quality.

Jan. 31. Paris. 25. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Relates certain matters which passed between himself and one Bruce. Bruce's being drawn from his studies by my Lord of Glasgow to serve her. My Lord's hard opinion of the English; his confidence with Bruce. Bruce going to the Duke of Guise for letters to the King of Scots. A pension desired for him. Letters to her son. Morgan commends Bruce. The Earl of Derby expected daily. Sir Francis Englefield desires to have intelligence with Mendoça. The Bishop of Ross' desire to go to Scotland, &c. [In cipher. Deciphered by Mr. Thomas Phelippes, indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.]

Jan. 31. Decipher of both the preceding letters, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. [With Vol. xvi., No. 7.]

Jan. 31. Paris. Don Bernardino de Mendoça to the Queen of Scots. Span. [Vol. xvi., No. 11.]

Jan. 31. Another copy of the same. [Vol. xvi., No. 12.]

Feb. 1. 26. "A note of what victuall, and other thinges, is demanded for the Queen of Scots and her household, by her officers, for the day, for the week, and for the month."

Feb. 1. 27. "Orders set downe by Sir Rafe Sadleir, to be observed and kept wthin the castell of Tutbury for the guard and safe keeping of the Scottish Queene now under his chardge."

Feb. 1. 28. "An othe from the soldiers retayned in the Queene's Mat service and pay at Tutbury Castell."

Feb. 1. 29. Copy of the same.

[Feb.] 30. Certain remeinbrances for Mr. Secretary to know her Majesty's pleasure concerning the custody of the Scottish Queen, and respecting her continuance at Tutbury.

Feb. 4. Tutbury Castle. 31. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Returns thanks for the Queen's favour to him. Sir Amias Powlet's appointment to assist Lord St. John. The Master of Gray's refusal to receive certain letters of the Queen of Scots. Her knowledge of their having been opened at the English Court, before they were delivered to Mons. Nau. Gray's devotion to Arran. Arrangements with the posts.

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Feb. 5. 32. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' doubts about the non-conveyance of a letter which she had written to her son. Ill furniture of Tutbury. Arrangements for the custody of the Queen of Scots there. Sir Amias Powlet's consent to take charge of her.

Feb. 15. 33. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Glad of his return to the Court. Hopes soon to be relieved of his charge, being thoroughly tired of it.

Feb. 15. 34. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Letters sent over in a coffer by Fontenay only just discovered. Bruce sent from the Duke of Guise to the King of Scotland. Arrival and reception of the Earl of Derby [in France]. Order of the Garter to be presented to the King. Report of marriage between the King of Scots and Queen of England. League for the suppression of heresy. [In cipher. *Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.*]

Feb. 15. 35. Decipher of the same, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelipps.

Feb. 18. 36. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' illness; her visit to an old Frenchwoman who was dangerously ill; her fears of Sir Amias Powlet.

Feb. 18. 37. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Expresses her anger at those persons who have furnished Tutbury so basely, and thus given the Queen of Scots such just cause to complain against her. Has taken his suit to be relieved of his charge there into consideration, and hopes speedily to see him at Court and to thank him for his painful and faithful service.

Feb. 18. 38. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Sir Amias Powlet to set out on Monday. Answers to be made to certain requests of the Queen of Scots, to have a priest to attend her, for a new supply of attendants, &c.

Feb. 19. 39. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Requests orders respecting a coachman attending upon the Queen of Scots, being a servant of Lord Shrewsbury's, whom my Lord had desired might return to his service, and whom the Queen of Scots wished to keep with her.

Feb. 19. 40. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. Informs him that the Queen's letter to him, complaining about the ill furnishing of Tutbury, is only written pro forma to satisfy the Queen of Scots, that her Majesty has no fault to find with him, but commends him for his continual care and circumspection in this service.

Feb. 23. 41. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Grief of the Queen of Scots at the death of one of her attendants. Her perplexity at her Majesty's letter to her, and at her son's answer to her Majesty. Her desire to deal with him. Her anxiety and fear about the person who is to succeed to the charge of her. Confession of Parry. Sir Amias Powlet.

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Feb. 27. 42. Sir Francis Englefield to _____. Carelessness of the Chief of the camp about his regiment now he has got the name and pay of a Captain. Small hope of the recovery of his "old arrerages." Resolutions changed since the first coming of Don Bernardino de Mendoza. The reduction of Flanders to be attempted before that of England. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes, and indorsed by him "Letter decifred."*]

Feb. 28. 43. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his assistance towards his deliverance from his charge there. Explains about the expense of the stables, and about the hangings brought there for furnishing the Queen of Scots' chambers.

Feb. 28. 44. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Coming of Sir Amias Powlet. Gives an account of a quarrel between Nicholas Langford, Esq., and his servant, Humphrey Bridges, and of certain statements made against the former by Bridges. Sends a catalogue of the names of divers recusants and papists of this country. Surely it is a perilous country, for the men and women are almost all papists.

Feb. 28. 45. Brian Cave to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for his release from his charge there; shall give it up to Mr. Darrell on the arrival of Sir Amias Pawlet.

March 1. 46. Marmaduke Darell and Brian Cave to Lord Burghley. An account of diet necessary for the Queen of Scots and her household, with less than which she cannot be satisfied. *Incloses,*

46. i. "A demande of diet to be increased for the Quene of Skotts and her famelie at Tutbury Castell." *February.*

March 1. 47. "Things necessary to be considerid and to be answerid in good tyme for provision to Tutbury Castell."

March 2. 48. John Somer to Lord Burghley. Hangings and other things wanted for the Queen of Scots. Her continual requests for a greater number of horses. Her anxiety about Mr. Chancellor's [Sadleir's] successor. Arrangements to be made there regarding expences, *Incloses,*

48. i. *Account of "hangings needful for the Scottish Quene's bed chambre at Tutbury," and of "other things required as needful." And an account of "Woods and other commoditees of my L. Paiget's neere to Tutbury," at Burton, Tatenhill, Sinai Park, and other places in the immediate neighbourhood.* [March 1.]

March 2. 49. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots has been writing letters these four or five days. Her anxiety to know who is to be Mr. Chancellor's successor. Her desire for an increase in her escurie. Her intention to send Curril into Scotland; her opinion of him. Discovery of Parry's conspiracy.

March 4. 50. Queen Elizabeth's instructions to Sir Amias Powlet to take the charge of the Queen of Scots.

March ? 51. Copy of the above with an additional article.

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March 4. 52. Mr. Thomas Fitzherbert to the Queen of Scots. Thanks her for a letter accepting his offered services; and entreats her to take courage and comfort in her adverse fortunes.

March 4. 53. Another copy of the same, the subscription in cipher.

March. Godfrey Foljambe to Mr. Currill. Complains of not hearing from him. Sir Amias Powlet to have the custody of the Queen of Scots. Persons connected with him, fit to be dealt with for the service of the Queen of Scots. Particulars of the arrest of Mr. Morgan, and the searching of his papers. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 67.*]

March. Godfrey Foljambe to the Queen of Scots. Lamentation of her condition. Deficiency of intelligence about her. Mr. Fitzherbert. Conferences with Father Parsons about his "invention" [the Queen of Scots' escape], which he trusts may be happily effected. King of Scotland's religion. Necessity of his being a Catholic. French affairs. Good service of Mr. Arundel towards her Majesty. Suspicions of Mr. Morgan. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 67.*]

March 10. Godfrey Foljambe to the Queen of Scots. Letters from Father Parsons. Not sure of his cipher. Occurrences in France. An Italian in England, whose success has not been very great, in consequence of the accident to Mr. Parry. Parry's apprehension. Begs her to intercede for Morgan. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 67.*]

March. Godfrey Foljambe to Mr. Currill. Morgan committed to the Bastille. His own anxiety to know the state of the Queen of Scots; begs that she will command his services. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 67.*]

March 12. 54. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports the delivery of a letter from the King of Scotland to the Queen his mother, which she says is an invention of those who would be loth to see them united, and respecting which she has written a letter to the Queen's Majesty.

March 18. 55. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sends for money, their stores being all spent. The case of Bridges and Langford. Weakness of the Queen of Scots.

March 18. 56. Marmaduke Darell to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Requests the sending of some money with all speed.

March 22. 57. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. In regard to the King of Scotland's denial of having made any association with her [the Queen of Scots], and her imputations against the Master of Gray as the cause thereof. Informs her of Parry's confessions regarding her, and of the wish of the whole House of Parliament to revive the former intended judicial proceeding against her. Submits, therefore, that it is not a fit time to enter into treaty with her for her liberty, and defends Sir Amias Powlet against her ill opinion.

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March 22. 58. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Explains the circumstances under which he has allowed the Queen of Scots to go out with him a hawking. Complains of his situation there, having been kept there so long, contrary to all the promises which had been made to him. Is weary of his life, as he sees that things which are well meant by him are not so well taken.

March. ? 59. "Requests on the behalf of Sir Amias Powlet" to know the Queen's commands respecting his treatment of the Queen of Scots, and the liberty he is to allow her.

March 22. 60. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. In reply to the Queen's complaint against Sir Ralph Sadleir for allowing the Queen of Scots to go a-hawking six or seven miles from the castle.

March 23. 61. Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth. The strait to which she is reduced by not being allowed to communicate with her son. Her resolution to proceed in the treaty without him, and to retire from the world. Offers to renounce all right to the Crown of England. The usurpation of her throne by her son. If he persists in his rebellious proceedings against her, and she [the Queen of England] help him, she will be forced to disavow him. Is determined to die with honour. Denies being concerned in the project of Parry and Morgan. Fr.

March 25. 62. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards letters from the Queen of Scots. Examination of Mr. Langford's servant; stays him and Bridges till he receives further orders.

March 29. 63. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Ralph Sadleir. The Queen satisfied with his letters. The Queen of Scots to be straitly looked to. Danger. Her desire to send a servant into Scotland.

March 30. 64. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of his apprehension at the request of the Earl of Derby. Mr. Waad's negotiation to procure his being delivered up into England. Requires her support. Lord Paget's money taken in his [Morgan's] lodging. Efforts of Charles Paget and Thomas Throgmorton in his behalf. French affairs. The Master of Gray's desertion from her service. Credit of the Queen of England in France. His opinion of Sir Amias Powlet and the way he may be dealt with. Recommends his poor family to her notice. Recommends other persons to her liberality. [In cipher. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.]

March 30. 65. Decipher of the same. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippe.]

March 31. 66. Lady Margaret Fleming to Mary Queen of Scots. The Scottish Court changeth manners, which her Majesty must bear in patience, and impute nothing to the King her son but evil company and counsel. Hopes to see them together before she dies. If she or her daughter Mary can do her Majesty any agreeable service, they are at her command, as Monsieur de Fontenay will declare to her.

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March ? 67. Godfrey Foljambe to Gilbert Curll. Informs him of certain suspicions against Morgan of dishonest dealing towards the Queen of Scots and the estate Catholic of England. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

March ? 68. Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. Handsome reception of the Earl of Derby [in France]. His [the Bishop's] intercession with the King and Queen of France in her behalf. Her dowry. Interview with the Earl of Derby. Arrest of Morgan through the means of the Earl of Derby. News of France. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

April 5. 69. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Lord Burghley. Begs him to procure his deliverance from that charge, as he is overwhelmed with care and grief of mind. Defends himself as regards the liberty which he has permitted to the Queen of Scots.

April 6. 70. John Somer to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Difficulty of intercepting letters as he is requested to do. Suspicions of the Queen of Scots' coachman. Threats of the Queen of Scots if the treaty be not carried on. Nau's curiosity about the seals of their letters.

April 12. 71. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The matter of Mr. Langford; escape of Humphrey Bridges, one of his servants; suicide of the other, the effect of his religion. Mr. Pierrepont's letter to his daughter; his [Sadleir's] answer to him. He is a fond and foolish papist. *Incloses,*

71. I. *Mr. Pierrepont to his Daughter.* Desires leave of her mistress [the Queen of Scots] to allow her to come to him and her mother, for a day or two. Sends his remembrance to the Queen, Nau, Curll, and the rest of his good friends in her company. *Woodhouse, April 7.*

April 13. 72. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. The whole Isle of Britain will be reformed by the league now concluded in France. Sorry that the former honour given to her son is revoked; until he has some taste of the Catholic religion, no good can be drawn from him. Begs her assistance to Thomas Throgmorton. [*In cipher. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.*]

April 13. Decipher of the same. [*Vol. xvi., No. 17.*]

April 19. 73. Sir Ralph Sadleir and Sir Amias Powlet to the Queen of Scots. Powlet's arrival. Interview with the Queen of Scots; her complaint against him of ill will towards her, while Ambassador in France; his defence of his conduct. The Queen's complaint that she has received no answer to the various offers made to her Majesty. Complaint against the Master of Gray. Powlet's professions to her. General charge to their servants.

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April 27. 74. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Complaints against him of undue rigour, for restraining the Queen of Scots' coachman, and for removing her cloth of estate. Reports his proceedings in these matters, and his reasons for making these alterations, Mr. Somer having told him that there was no good to be done with these people, but by dealing roundly with them.

April 27. 75. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. The "accident" happened to Morgan. Unkindness between her and her son. His efforts that the Duke of Guise would send an Ambassador to Scotland. Morgan's imprisonment at the request of the Queen of England. Money promised her [the Queen of Scots] by Spain. French wars. Morgan's papers. [In cipher. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.]

April 27. 76. Decipher of the same. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

April 27. 77. Extract of a letter from Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots, of the 4th January 1585, respecting the King of Scotland's religion; and another extract from the preceding letter of Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots, of April 27, 1585.

April ? 78. Note out of a letter of Thomas Morgan's to the Queen of Scots, respecting Crichton's confession, the terror it put him into, and the evident inexpedience of trusting secrets to so many persons.

April 28. 79. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. The new Pope. Cardinal D'Este's dealings with him to continue in his predecessor's course with respect to the league in France. Advises her to write to the Pope to congratulate him on his advancement, and to recommend her afflicted condition to him; to recommend the seminaries to him; to write to the Cardinal D'Este, and to "entertain" him. Begs her to write to the Pope for his [Morgan's] liberty. A visit in prison from Hert [Charles Paget]. Great jealousy about the money found in his [Morgan's] lodgings; a design to kill him. [In cipher. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.]

April 28. Decipher of the same. [Vol. xvi., No. 57.]

April 28. Decipher of the latter part of the same. [Vol. xvi., No. 7.]

April 28. 80. Anthony Standen to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of the death of Pope Gregory XIII., of the election of his successor, Sextus V., and of the determination of himself and Ridolfi to intercede with the new Pope in her behalf. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

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April 30. 81. Mr. Liggon to the Queen of Scots. Interview with the Prince [of Parma] ; his professions towards her ; he says that he never received certain money for her promised by the King of Spain ; letter to be written to Taxis about it. Declined asking him to lend the money himself. [*In cipher, with interlinear explanation by Mr. Phelippes. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.*]

April 30. 82. Another copy of the same letter, undeciphered.

April 30. Copy of part of the same. [*With No. 95.*]

April 30. 83. Thomas Throgmorton to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of the particulars of Morgan's apprehension at the request of the Queen of England. Troubles in France. Means to take a journey into Spain. Morgan's duty and affection to her. [*In cipher, with interlinear explanation. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.*]

May 2. 84. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Money sent Tutbury. by the French Ambassador to the Queen of Scots. A letter for her which he wishes had been opened. Her complaints at the non-compliance with her requests.

May 4. 85. Marmaduke Darell to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards Tutbury. an account of the last month's expences, which fall out much larger than they expected.

May 8. 86. Mons. La Rue to the Queen of Scots. His negotiations with Chalons. the Pope at Rome. The Pope's injunction to her not to join with the Queen of England. Duke of Guise sends him to the Cardinals of Bourbon and Guise. Commendations of the Duke of Nemours to her. The Pope sends him with letters to Germany. The Duke of Guise's negotiations with the Catholic Princes there. Intentions of the Cardinal of Bourbon and Guise family to purge France of heresy. Present state of the league ; the King's assent to it. Expediency of her joining it. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

May 8. 87. Copy of the greater part of the preceding letter.

May 8. Another copy. [*Imperfect. Vol. xvi., No. 66.*]

May 10. 88. Copy of the articles or requests sent by the Queen of Scots, by Tutbury. Mr. Somer, to the Queen of England for answers to her letters, the treaty for her liberty to go forward, to send some one to her son, &c. Fr.

May 10. 89. Another copy of the same.

May 11. 90. The same, in English ; with marginal remarks by Mr. Somer.

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May 12. 91. Queen of Scots to George Douglas. His letter of August reached her, but it was scarce deciphered when the way was broken by trouble which happened suddenly to some of her friends there. Commends him for his constant dealing with her son, but declines further communication till assured of the safety of their intercourse. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

May 15. 92. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Was glad to hear that the late false alarms had wrought so good effect for the defence of the realm. Importance of assisting the King of Navarre. Has delivered to Mons. Nau the packet brought by Mr. Darell. Has signified to the Queen of Scots her Majesty's request touching Colonel Stewart, which she willingly acceded to, but said she trusted that it would be more thankfully received than when she wrote to the Duchess of Feria in favour of Fitzwilliam. Having received the Queen of Scots' letters to the Prince of Parma, he has sent them to his Honour without delay.

May 15. 93. Mr. Liggons to the Queen of Scots. Aggravations given by the Queen of England to the King of Spain; his determination to attack England. Advises her to be particular as to the persons she intrusts to deal for her. [*In cipher, with interlinear explanation by Mr. Phelippes. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.*]

May 15. 94. Another copy of the same, deciphered. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

May 15. 95. Another copy. "Deciphered by me Gilbert Curril, 5th Oct. 1586."

May 28. 96. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Desires him to open the packets addressed to the Queen of Scots; to restrain her charity by not suffering her alms to be distributed; and to cause the apprehension of a certain person who is engaged in the conveyance of letters for her.

June 4. 97. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Respecting the directions given him to open the letters addressed to the Queen of Scots and her people. Contents of the last letters sent to them. The French Ambassador's letter to the Queen of Scots about Parry's confession. The troubles in France.

June 10. 98. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Complaint of the Queen of Scots at not hearing from her Majesty during her illness; her talk about the French troubles; her complaint that he has restrained her giving alms to the poor. Nau's angry appeal to him; wishes he were removed.

June 15. 99. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Respecting one Pope, whom he had appointed Gentleman Porter there, but had been obliged to dismiss from the office on account of his unfitness for it.

June 22. 100. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks him for letters of foreign news. The Queen of Scots took the air in the garden on the 18th, and next day went abroad in her coach.

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1585. 101. Queen Mary to Mons. de Courcelles. Sends an alphabet that she may have intelligence from him. Requests the delivery of a letter to her cousin the Lord Claude Hamilton. Fr.

1585 ? 102. Copy of the same letter.

1585 ? 103. Thomas Fouller to the Queen of Scots. Assures her of his devotion, and offers to do her any acceptable service.

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1585. July 1. 1. Mons. Fontenay to Mons. Nau. Fr. [*In cipher, with an illegible interpretation.*]

July 2. 2. Articles to be ministred to John Herle, of Stanton Harcourt co. Oxon, as to his knowledge of Godfrey Foljambe, some time Solicitor to the Countess of Shrewsbury, and respecting a plan for the escape of the Scottish Queen, while in the custody of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

July 3. 3. John Herle's depositions in answer to the preceding "articles."

July 7. 4. W. Fletewode, Recorder of London, to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Respecting the depositions of Herle, and the execution of one Awfield, who had used himself most traitorously against her Majesty.

July 9. 5. Sir Amias Powlet and Mr. Thomas Gresley to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Inform him of the detention and examination of Thomas Taylor, Suspected of dealings with the Catholics, whom they have directed to repair to Sir Francis, and who can inform him of one Daniel Morton, who intends to go shortly to Scotland ; also respecting one James Harrison [Anthony Babington ?*], a seminary priest, and concerning one John Bencrofte, a coiner of money.

July 10. Tutbury. 6. Queen of Scots to M. Mauvissière. Complains of the neglect with which she is treated by the Queen of England ; desires him to remind her, that she will not willingly be dependent on the orders of any of her private subjects. Requests that her keeper may not have any power of himself to alter any arrangements respecting her. Informs him of the impossibility of her remaining there during the winter, and complains of the insufficient accommodation provided for her. Fr.

July 10. 7. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Laments his confinement and the consequent discontinuance of his intelligence with her. Had written to Mr Blunt to arrange for communicating with her on her removal to Tutbury. The desire of one Robert Poley to see him ; suspicious of him ; his refusal to deliver his letters ; ultimately does so ; their purport. Good usage of him [Morgan] by De l'Aubespine and others. Ill treatment from England. Letters forged there. Commendation of Christopher Blunt, and of W. Grene. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippe.*]

* This query is Walsyngham's.

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July 10. 8. Copy of the concluding portions of the preceding. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.*]

July 10. Another copy. [*With No. 70.*]

July 10. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. In commendation of the bearer, Mr. Christopher Blunt, for his affection towards her, and his abilities to serve her, notwithstanding that he is a follower of the Earl of Leycester. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes. Vol. xvi., No. 16.*]

July ? 9. Anonymous to _____. Intentions of the King [of France] towards Scotland. No letter from Paget or Morgan.

July 14. 10. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Complaints of the stoppage of letters. Nau's officious interference. The Queen of Scots' complaint against him [Powlet] for not allowing her servant, Du Preau, to attend her when she went through Tutbury to hunt in Stokley Park. Her disclosures concerning certain intentions against England; her conversation respecting the usurpation of her son.

July 15. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of the interception of some letters of one called Poley, and advises her to be discreet in employing either him or Mr. Christopher Blunt. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes. With No. 17.*]

July 15. Another copy of the same letter. [*Dated July 31. With No. 17.*]

July 15. 11. Don Bernardino de Mendoça to the Queen of Scots. Respecting Morgan and Charles Paget. Span.

July 15. 12. Another copy of the same.

July 16. 13. Lord Claud Hamilton to the Queen of Scots. Professing his devotion and offering his services.

July 17. 14. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A packet from the Queen of Scots, which she begs may be delivered to the French Ambassador. Her desire to remove on account of the ill condition of her chambers. A meeting with Mr. Cavendish, at Burton, to negotiate an exchange of houses.

July 17. 15. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. Introducing the bearer [Christopher Blunt], whom he thinks able to do her service, but recommends her to make some proof of him before she trusts him with any matters of importance. [*In cipher. Indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.*]

July 17. 16. Decipher of the same. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

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July 18. 17. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of the interception of Poley's letters to Blunt. Has consequently stayed his instructions to Blunt; and begs her not to accept any service at his hands till the matter be cleared. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 18. 18. Another copy of the same.

July 18. 19. Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. His reasons for not writing before; former letters to her detained. Her discontent at her son's behaviour through the Master of Gray. The King of France's message to her on the subject. His efforts to induce the King to send some person of quality to Scotland. Arrival of Lord Claude Hamilton there; his poverty. Fr.

July 18. Bishop of Ross to the Queen of Scots. Is advised to delay his return to Scotland. Change in the Scottish Court, Fontenay's zeal and discretion in his mission there; Arran and Gray prevented its being successful. Lord Claude Hamilton come from Scotland; his devotion to her service. De l'Aubespine going to England in Mauvissière's place. The new Pope; his disposition towards her, &c. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. Vol. xvii., No. 85.]

July 18. 20. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. The means he had taken to have intelligence with her. Plans for her escape. The confusion into which they are all thrown by the change of her keeper. Intended enterprise of the Duke of Guise; his intercession for her with the Pope and others. Recovery of Morgan's papers and money. Lord Claude Hamilton arrived from Scotland; his necessities. Bruce going to Scotland from the Duke of Guise. Reported suicide of the Earl of Northumberland. Christopher Blunt's offers to serve her. Poley. Charles Arundel. Money not come from Spain. Ill will of the Bishop of Glasgow to Morgan. Fontenay commended. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 18. 21. Another copy of the same, deciphered by Gilbert Curril.

July 26. 22. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Proposed change of the laundresses there. Great comfort to the Queen of Scots and her people from the last letters from France. Intends opening all sealed letters.

July 26. 23. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsy. Wishes to know whether he has received any letters from him by the hands of Robert Woodward.

[August 1.] 24. Mons. Fontenay to the Queen of Scots. Is very anxious to know if she has received some letters which had been left at the house of Sir Anthony Babington. State of Scotland. His refusal to take certain letters of the King of Scotland's as being addressed to her as Queen Mother. His refusal of a present from Lord Downe. Troubles caused by Messieurs of Lorraine on account of religion. Ill feeling against him in France. Paget, Morgan, and others in a worse predicament. All resolved to quit her service if the Bishop

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of Glasgow continues her Ambassador ; ill offices done by him. Affairs of France. Offers of the Duke of Guise ; his intention to send an army into Scotland. Policy of her sending ~~some~~ one to the new Pope. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

[August 1.] 25. Mons. Fontenay to Mons. Nau. Former letters in cipher sent to him. His negotiation in Scotland with the King. Gray's ill offices towards the Queen. His [Fontenay's] refusal to take charge of certain letters of the King of Scots. Lord Down's attempt to bribe him. Fr. [In cipher.]

August 1. 26. Decipher of the same, by Mr. Phelippes.

1585 ? 27. Mons. Fontenay to the Queen of Scots. [In cipher and imperfect.]

1585 ? 28. Copies of five other letters in cipher from Mons. Fontenay and Mons. Denis to the Queen of Scots.

1585 ? 29. Copies of three other letters in cipher, the first in the same cipher as that of Mons. Fontenay.

August 8. 30. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Queen of Scots' desire to remove for the sweetening of the house Unfitness of Lord Paget's two houses at Burton and Beaudesert. His arguments to dissuade the Queen against it. Purport of the French Ambassador's letter to her.

August 17. 31. Minute of particulars concerning the present condition of the Queen of Scots, respecting which she makes request to the Queen of England her good sister, praying an immediate and final answer. Fr.

August 19. 32. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards letters from the Queen of Scots, and remarks on their contents. Incloses,

32. I. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière. Desires him to inform the French King and Queen Mother of the submission which she has made to the Queen of England, and yet, notwithstanding, of her severe and unjust imprisonment, of the state of her health, and of the strange alienation of her son's affection from her. Fr. [August.]

August 27. 33. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Anticipating a fit of the gout at the fall of the leaf, suggests that some gentleman should be appointed to assist him in his charge there, and recommends Mr. John Colls, Mr. Richard Bagot, a gentleman of good reputation and credit in this county of Stafford, or Sir John Zouche as fit persons for the office.

[August 31.] 34. Certain requests made by the Queen of Scots to the Queen of England, for change of residence, air, &c. ; with annotations of the Queen of England's answers thereto.

[August 31.] 35. Copy of the same.

August 31. 36. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Her Majesty's answers to the Queen of Scotland's requests. Her satisfaction at the Queen of Scots' late letters. Her assent that Mr. Bagot shall assist him in his charge there.

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Sept. 6. 37. Queen of Scots to Mons. Mauvissière and Mons. Châteauneuf. A long letter of complaint, against the changing of her residence, the reduction of her servants, and other matters. Fr.

Sept. 7. Tutbury. 38. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Receipt of her Majesty's answers to the requests of the Queen of Scots; interview with her; her dissatisfaction at them; her complaints about removing to Mr. Cavendish's house. Situation of the different apartments at Tutbury. The Queen's anger.

Sept. 8. Tutbury. 39. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Purport of Mons. Mauvissière's letter to the Queen of Scots. Her son's expression of affection to the Queen of England. Queen Mary's discontent and violent anger.

Sept. 13. 40. Heads of a letter unto Sir Amias Powlet:—The Queen of Scots to be removed to Chartley; all her French packets to be directed to Walsyngham; a letter to be sent shortly to Mr. Bagot to assist Sir Amias.

Sept. 13. 41. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Amias Powlet. In regard to the strange passion of the Queen of Scots at certain persons not being allowed to come to her as she required, thereby giving her [the Queen of England] great cause of suspicion. Desires him to inform the Queen of Scots that she never entered into treaty with her but she discovered some notable treason; and that in respect to the late wicked practice of Morgan, if it had happened to any other Prince than herself, she, the Queen of Scots, would not have been in case to have complained of the matter.

Sept. 21. 42. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Her Majesty, thinking that the Earl of Essex's house may be disliked on account of the water, suggests Sir Walter Aston's as a meet place for the Queen of Scots, and desires him to view it for that purpose.

Sept. 23. Tutbury. 43. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports on Chartley, Lord Essex's house, as to its fitness for the residence of the Queen of Scots; its convenience for provisions, coals, &c. The Queen's anger about the conveyance of all her letters from France to him [Walsyngham]. Her opinion of her intended destruction. The indisposition of her body and great infirmity of her legs is so desperate that she herself doth not hope of her recovery; and it is no small advantage to her keeper, as he need not stand in any great fear of her running away.

Sept. 23. Tutbury. 44. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' desire to remove; her satisfaction at his description of Chartley.

Sept. 26. Nonsuch. 45. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Lord Essex's desire that no more of his wood should be felled for the use of the Queen of Scots. His dislike that she should be moved to his house. The house of one Mr. Giffard, a recusant, suggested as being very convenient for her.

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Sept. 27. 46. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sir Walter Aston's entreaty that the Queen of Scots may not be taken to his house ; his numerous reasons. His own [Powlet's] opinion of its fitness for the purpose, but he thinks it will not stand with her Majesty's service to overthrow such a household as Sir Walter's is in this infected shire, as the world goeth at this present.

Sept. 30. 47. Queen of Scots to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Has not troubled him with letters, hearing he was going to Bath. Has written to the French Ambassadors as to her estate abroad. Desires a passport that a daughter of the Laird of Barnbougal may come to her.

Oct. 3. 48. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Arrangement about the Queen of Scots' letters for France. Reports concerning Mr. Giffard's house ; its fitness and unfitness for the residence of the Queen of Scots. There is no common brewhouse in any town in the shire.

Oct. 4. 49. Gabriel Denis to the Queen of Scots. Interruption in his correspondence with her. His zeal for her service. The Duke of Parma's recommendation of the affairs of England to the King of Spain.

1585 ? Gabriel Denis to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of particulars of a young man in Gueldres pretending to be a son of the Queen of England and the Earl of Leycester. [With the preceding.]

Oct. 5. 50. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Visited by many persons in his captivity. Offers of service from Gilbert Giffard ; his family in Staffordshire ; means arranged with him for having intelligence with her. Begs her recommendation for himself to the Duke of Guise. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Oct. 8. 51. Extracts of letters from Paris, from August 1st [i.e. 11th] to October 8th [i.e. 18th] ; of English "practices" in France, of the King of Scotland's religion, the Princes of the league, intended invasion of England, friends of papists in England, Charles Paget, Morgan, &c.

Oct. 8. 52. Lord Claude Hamilton to the Queen of Scots. Offers his service in any way that may tend to her relief and liberty, and hopes that she will take some order for the relief of his necessities.

Oct. 9. 53. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs that he will excuse him to Lord Essex, who deals hardly with him, in charging him with an unreasonable motion of a matter which he never made or meant.

Oct. 10. 54. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. A daughter of one Mowbray, a Laird of Scotland, to enter the service of the Queen of Scots. Arrangements to be made for brewing, if the Queen be removed to Mr. Giffard's house ; and for the lodging of her train.

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Oct. 10. Tutbury. 55. "Memoire pour Monseigneur le Grand Tresorier":—Minute of requests to be made to the Lord Treasurer of England from the Queen of Scots, for the payment to her of certain money left by Mons. Mauvissière with Sir Francis Walsyngham. Fr.

Oct. 15. Tutbury. 56. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Allusions to Chartley and Tixall, proposed as fit places for the residence of the Queen of Scots, and to the house of Mr. Giffard. The gentlemen of calling and countenance, and best affected in religion, such as Sir Walter Aston, Mr. Bagot, and Mr. Gresley, live within 10 miles of Mr. Giffard's. Weakness of Mr. Giffard's house. Its general unfitness for the accommodation of the Queen of Scots. His endeavours to persuade the Queen to remain at Tutbury. Her bitter words, of which she is no niggard, in answer. Other complaints renewed by her. Her illness. Expected marriage of Curril, to Mowbray, one of the Queen's gentlewomen. Money for the Queen of Scots.

Oct. 18. Tutbury. 57. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards a packet from the Queen of Scots to the French Ambassador, which Nau insisted on being sent at once. The Queen's complaints about her lodging. She will not forbear any practice to procure her liberty.

Oct. 23. 58. Receipt by Gilbert Curril and Barbara Mowbray for 2,000 crowns, of Mons. Nau, a present to them by the Queen of Scots on their marriage. Certified by Andrew Melvill and Sebastian Magaly. Fr.

Oct. 26. Tutbury. 59. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A certain person, one of the Scottish Queen's retinue, suspected to be a popish priest. Marriage of Curril. Inexpedience of the priest's being allowed to remain there.

Oct. 26. Tutbury. 60. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. French letters for the Queen of Scots. The expected coming of Mrs. Mowbray to her service. Cannot bestow her with any safety, unless with Mr. Gresley or Mr. Bagot. The cutting down of Lord Essex's wood at Chartley.

Oct. 27. Tutbury. 61. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' desire to have a certain Scottish gentlewoman to attend her. Necessity of opening all their letters. Curril's marriage. The Queen's confidence and talk about French matters.

Nov. 6. London. 62. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Does not see why her Majesty should make any difficulty respecting the gentlewoman [Mowbray]. Cannot now send the Queen of Scots' passionate letter to the French Ambassador.

Nov. 11. Rushall. 63. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. His preparations for removing the Queen to Chartley; stopped them on receipt of his letters. A night at Dudley, one of the poorest towns he ever saw in his life. The fitness of Dudley Castle to receive the Queen of Scots. Abundance of coal and wood. Has bestowed Mrs. Mowbray at Burton. Good neighbours to Dudley, Sir Walter Aston, Mr. Gresley, and others.

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Nov. 14. 64. Monsieur la Rue to the Queen of Scots. His exertions and journeys in her behalf, and for the good of the Catholic religion. His continual journeys to Rome and elsewhere. His negotiations with the Catholic Princes. Madame Elizabeth's talk about the marriage of the King of Scots. Queen Mary's friends in Spain still well affected to her. Ill offices of the English against her. Defeat of the Prince of Condé by the Duke of Mayenne. Intelligence of the Guise family in Germany. Robert Tanner's book in her defence against Buchanan. The King of Scots' alienation from her, &c. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Nov. 14. 65. Another copy of the same letter.

Nov. 14. 66. Another copy. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Nov. 14. 67. Another copy.

Nov. 18. 68. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen's desire to know the time of her removal. Arrival of Mrs. Mowbray. Is attacked with the gout, and shall beg Mr. Bagot's assistance. The Queen's intention to dismiss her embroiderer and his family. Requests answer to his letter from Rushall. Incloses,

68. i. *Edward Lord Dudley to Sir Amias Powlet. Sorry he was away when he came to view the castle. Both it and himself shall be at her Majesty's commandment.*

Himley, November 11.

Nov. 30. 69. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' desire to dismiss her embroiderer and his family. Her request for a maiden servant to attend on Cull's wife.

Dec. 5. 70. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of means which he has taken to induce Lord Lumley to convey intelligence to her, and advises her to encourage him with letters. [In the handwriting of Gilbert Carll.]

Dec. 5. 71. Another copy. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Dec. 7. 72. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Instructs him to show a certain letter to the Queen of Scots in regard to the present alteration in Scotland, and to note carefully the speeches she shall use on perusing the same.

Dec. 8. 73. "An extract out of the Queene of Scots' letter of the 8th of December, 1585, to the French Ambassador." Respecting the support given by those in England to the Earl of Arran against her party, the evil persuasions used to her son, a confession made by Gowry to Gray, the Queen of England's intention to usurp the Crown of Scotland, and on other matters.

Dec. [8.] 74. Queen Mary to Mons. Mauvissière. The captivity of her son by the banished Lords. The surprise of Stirling, and other proceedings. The inhuman treatment of herself; her son's disaffection to her occasioned by the sinister persuasions of England. A design confessed by Gowry to have killed her and her son. Fr.

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75. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Preparations for removing the Queen of Scots to Chartley. Reasons for not taking her through Uttoxeter, as at first determined. A route by which they shall perform the whole journey in Staffordshire. Names of gentlemen whose company he shall request on the journey, Sir Walter Aston, Mr. Gresley, Mr. Chetwynd, and others. The effect of communicating the Scottish news to the Queen. Falsehood of Mons. Nau. Quantity of books and other trash belonging to the Queen and her company. Want of linen, cloths, and Normandy canvas.

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76. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Thanks for a Privy Seal for money. Increase in their expenses. Dearness of provisions since the harvest. The Queen drinking much sack. General increase in expenses there.

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77. A letter in cipher, indorsed by Mr. Phelippes, "The letter to be written to Pietro [Gilbert Giffard] his father," thanking the person addressed for his good disposition, lamenting the sufferings and exile of himself and others for their constancy in defence of their religion, and sending salutation to the Catholics, who taste the malice of the time.

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78. Anonymous letter, in cipher, to Mr. Tempest, an English priest resident at Paris. Fr. [*Indorsed by Mr. Phelippes.*]

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79. Another anonymous letter, in cipher, in the same handwriting, addressed to Doctor Barret, President of the English seminary at Rheims. [*Indorsed by Mr. Phelippes.*]

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Jan. ?

1. Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. Object of M. D'Esneval's mission to Scotland. Affairs there not so bad as represented. All the evil will fall on Arran. Lord Claude Hamilton summoned by the King to Scotland. His debts, and need of relief. Fr.

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2. The principal particulars of two letters from Morgan and Paget. Sure intelligence to be made with the Queen of Scots. An absolute union to be made between the King of France and Duke of Guise. The Catholic party to be encouraged.

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Chartley. 3. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The King of Scots' desire to estrange his nobility from England. Madness of the embroiderer's wife. Reported correspondence between the Queen of Scots and her son, by means of a gentlewoman near Tutbury. The only gentlewomen he has seen are Lady Aston, Mrs. Gresley, lately deceased, and Mrs. Bagot, whom he believes to be her Majesty's faithful subjects. The Queen of Scots' laundresses had great liberty at Tutbury, but now they are lodged in the house. New servants are expected there. *Incloses,*

3. 1. *Copy of a letter from the Queen of Scots' embroiderer to her physician, relative to the insanity of his wife, detailing her symptoms and extraordinary conduct, and suggesting that it might do her good if she could be brought to the presence of the Queen of Scots.* Tutbury, Jan. 2.

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Jan. 15. 4. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Bastian's wife looks to be delivered of child shortly, and it is likely that Curril's wife will be sick of the same disease, therefore requests his orders as to the admission of midwives and nurses. The frosty weather has deprived them of all kinds of sea fish, at which the Queen and her household complain.

Jan. 17. 5. Queen of Scots to Thomas Morgan. Receipt of his letters; sorry for his condition. Inclosures for the Duke of Guise and her Ambassador. Trusts they will help him; money shall be provided for him. Difficulty of communication. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippe, indorsed by him, "The Scottish Queen to Morgan."*]

Jan. 18. 6. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Arrangements for intelligence with her. Good words from the King of France; his regret at imprisoning him. Hopes for his liberty on condition of quitting France; shall then with her favour go to Rome and to the King of Spain. His intelligence with Lord Lumley. She of England "ordained" 10,000*l.* for taking away his [Morgan's] life. Expediency of Queen Mary's salutng the Pope. Desires her intercession with the Duke of Guise. Names of people who have been kind to him in his captivity. The Pope's intercession for him with the French Ambassador at Rome. The league. The King of France. French news. Lord Claude Hamilton's departure for Scotland. The Earl of Leycester's entry into Holland. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippe, the latter part addressed to Curril.*]

Jan. 18. 7. Another copy of that part of the preceding letter which is addressed to the Queen of Scots. [*Deciphered by Curril.*]

Jan. 18. 8. Thomas Morgan to Monsieur Nau. Begs him to thank certain persons who have been kind to him, and to move the Queen of Scots to intercede for his liberation from captivity. Fr.

Jan. 18. 9. Don Gaston de Spinola to _____. [*In Italian, unintelligible. Indorsed by Mr. Phelippe, "Letters decifred."*]

Jan. 19. 10. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Directions respecting Du Preau; the embroiderer's wife; and provision of midwives. Illness of the King of France.

Jan. 21. 11. Queen Mary to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs the performance of his promise, made last year, of sending her some new servants. Fr.

Jan. 25. 12. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The money for the Queen of Scots is short by 8*l.* Want of another laundress. The Queen's health.

Jan. 25. 13. Sir Amias Powlet to Mr. Thomas Phelippe. Respecting the desire of one Reynolds to leave his [Powlet's] service, Hearty commendations to be made to their good friend, Mr. Francis Bacon.

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Jan. 26. Dr. William Allen to the Queen of Scots. The Prince of Parma has the whole management of the great affair; their dealings with him in her behalf. The affair to be executed by way of Flanders. Great rumours of the Duke of Guise. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 74.*]

Jan. 30. 14. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. An abstract of the French Ambassador's letter to the Queen of Scots. Her grief and illness.

Jan. 31. 15. Queen Mary to Mons. de L'Ambespine, the French Ambassador in London. Sends a fresh cipher. Desires to know the reason of Mons. D'Esneval's journey to Scotland. Desires him to be careful against spies. Advice about secret writing. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*].

Jan. 31. Another copy of the same. [*With No. 24.*]

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[Jan.] 16. "The names of such of the Scottishe familye [the attendants of Queen Mary] as are sequestred from the residence of their companye."

Feb. 2. 17. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Illness of the Queen of Scots. Her request for a bed of down, which he cannot in honesty, or*charity, refuse to move to him.

Feb. 4. 18. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Money for the Queen of Scots. Linen. Laundresses. Cherelles licensed to repair to the Queen of Scots.

[Feb.] 19. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Safe receipt of a letter which was delivered to him by the honest man. His friend arrived on the 1st. The honest man engaged for ever; his professions. The Queen of Scots' illness. [*Not signed or dated.*]

Feb. 6. 20. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Communication with his friend, who has deceived him. A cipher which he has received from Curril; his promises; suspicion of him. A cipher in a letter to the French Ambassador.

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Feb. 6. 21. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. Severe proceedings against himself, Morgan, and others. False assertions made against him. State of Scotland. Hopes for her there. Restoration of Lord Claude Hamilton to all his honours. The imprisonment of Morgan.

Paris.

Feb. 10. 22. F. S. [Thomas Fitzherbert] to Henry Crosse. Letters not delivered. The army of the Roysters. Spoil done on the frontiers of Germany by the Duke of Lorraine's army. Preparations in Spain. Ill reports of the King of Scotland. Hopes of Gilbert Giffard's proving an honest man.

Feb. 19. 23. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Severe illness of the Queen of Scots.

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Feb. 24. 24. Mons. de l'Aubespine to the Queen of Scots. Glad of their means of communication. Shall be on the watch for spies. Letters from France. Arrival of D'Esneval. Movement in Scotland. Randolph sent there. Archibald Douglas going. Affairs of France and Flanders. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Feb. 24. Another copy of the same letter. [With No. 15.]

Feb. 26. Chartley. 25. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Arrival of Mons. Arnault: his refusal to lodge at Stafford. Letters brought by him for the Queen of Scots; his interviews with her; her income from France. Arnault's desire to make a present of a girdle to Nau, which he dissuaded him from doing. A present from the Queen to Mons. Arnault.

Feb. 26. Chartley. 26. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Commends the bearer, Mons. Arnault, for his discreet and moderate behaviour in this his mission to the Queen of Scots.

March 2. Chartley. 27. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Desire of the Queen of Scots' coachman to be dismissed her service; suspicions of him. The physician also desirous to leave; his disposition.

March 12. London. 28. Mons. Cherelles to Mons. Nau. Has not been able at present to see Mr. Pierrepont on the subject of his [Nau's] desire to marry his daughter. If he would marry in France he would find him a lady with twenty or thirty thousand crowns. Alludes to the expectation of a certain sum of money from the Queen of Scots which he had not received. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

March 19. London. 28. Thomas Phelippes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The secret party was with him this morning, and says that Cherelles prayed him to stay till to-morrow night. The French Ambassador is very inquisitive about the means of sending a packet into Scotland, and he [Phelippes] thinks that Poley, whom Morgan recommended, might be employed with advantage.

March 20. 29. Extract of a letter of Thomas Morgan's to the Queen of Scots of April 28, 1585, about the papers that were in his possession when he was taken into custody, also the copy of a letter from Mons. Cherelles to the Queen of Scots of March 20, 1586, on the same subject, and respecting the examination which he [Cherelles] made of them at the desire of the King of France.

March 20. 30. Copy of the above. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

March 21. 31. Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. Receipt of her letter of the last of January. A report that M. Cherelles had been won over to the interest of the Queen of England. Affection of the Duke of Guise to her [the Queen of Scots]; his endeavours with the English Ambassador to obtain intelligence with her. Powlet's

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treatment of her. The Master of Gray's ill offices. The Pope's seeming affection to her. His persuasions with the Duke of Guise respecting the intended enterprise against England. The King of Spain preparing a great army. The King of France desirous of peace; his jealousy of the King of Spain. The King of Scots' marriage. Lord Claude Hamilton's departure for Scotland; his instructions. His own [the Bishop's] efforts for the release of Morgan. The affairs of Scotland. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

March 21. 32. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Receipt of her letter of the 17th of January. Thanks for favours. His devotion to her cause. Sent the ciphers for the Duke of Guise and her Ambassador. The King of France's trouble about his [Morgan's] captivity. General feeling there in his favour. The King's promise not to deliver him into the power of her of England. The Pope's intercession for him. False charges made against him. Intercession of other persons for him. His efforts in her behalf with Lord Howard and others. Advises her to employ the Countess of Arundel and to write to her according to the tenor of some few lines which he will send herewith. The Earl of Arundel. Lord Buckhurst. Lady Cobham. Francis Bertie; his dealings with Mendoça. Charles Arundel. Lord Claude Hamilton. Lord Paget. The Earl of Leycester's proceedings in Holland. Sir Francis Englefield. Poley, and his services. Charles Blunt. Mr. Randolph sent to Scotland. French affairs. Sir Philip Sidney's proceedings in Germany. Raleigh, the minion of her of England. Begs her intercession for his liberty. [In cipher, with interlinear explanation by Mr. Phelippes.]

March 21. 33. Decipher of the same. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

March 22. 34. Mons. Cherelles to Mons. Nau. Reports the result of his negotiation with Mr. Pierrepont on the subject of Nau's desire to marry his daughter. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

March 22? 35. Mons. Cherelles to Mons. Nau. Reports farther the particulars of his negotiation with Mr. Pierrepont on the subject of Nau's proposal of marriage to his daughter. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

March 23? Mons. Cherelles to the Queen of Scots. His desire to do her service. His coming over to have been agent in Scotland for the French King. His service in Morgan's case. Morgan's papers. The Duke of Guise's promises to help her. Quarrel between the Queen and Sir Walter Raleigh. Her jealousy of the Earl of Leycester. Shelley's confession and condemnation. The French King's resolution to join Spain against England. Thanks for the gift she made him at Chartley, &c. Fr. [With the preceding, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

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March 24. 36. Queen of Scots to the French Ambassador [Mons. De L'Aubespine]. Receipt of his letters in cipher. Surprised at Mons. Mauvissière's manner of proceeding with him about having intelligence with her. Begs him to beware of Phelippes, who will play a double game. Fears that D'Esneval is too young to manage her affairs in Scotland; Courcelles fitter. Her means of communication with him has failed. Lord Claude Hamilton to be relied on. Her son likes not the Queen of England at his heart. Gray's treasons. Archibald Douglas. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

March 24. 37. Another copy, also in Mr. Phelippes' handwriting.
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March 25. 38. Don Bernardino de Mendoça to the Queen of Scots. Glad to hear of her health. The French King's indisposition towards joining in the proposed reduction of England. Morgan's liberty. Paget's fidelity. Span.

March 25. Copy of the same, by Mr. Phelippes. [Vol. xix., No. 50.]

March 25. 39. Mons. Nau to Mons. Cherelles. Sends letters and a cipher. The Queen desires that he will write fully to her when he gets to France. She recommends the case of poor Mr. Morgan to him. Desires particulars of one Baldwin, one of Lord Shrewsbury's people, who was committed to the Tower; and of Christopher Blunt. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

March 29. 40. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Begs that she will revoke the licence she gave to the bearer [Gilbert Giffard] to return to France. Hopes she will soon enjoy her own right, though it may cost him his life. Begs her to remember his petition if he dies in her service. To make none privy that he advised her entering into intelligence with the Countess of Arundel. Recommends John Lawrence as a person fit to serve her. [In cipher.]

March 29. Decipher of the same. [Vol. xix., No. 50.]

March 30. 41. Mons. De L'Aubespine Chateauneuf to the Queen of Scots. Receipt of her letter of the 24th March. Sends a packet from Morgan. Blount in Flanders with the Earl of Leycester. Will write to Scotland for her. Leycester's assumption of authority in Flanders. The Queen of England's jealousy. The war in France. The Prince of Parma's conquests in Flanders. The Countess of Shrewsbury's desire to be restored to her good opinion. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

March 30. 42. Another copy. [Also in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

March. 43. Extracts of letters from Mons. Cherelles, Mons. Chateauneuf, and Mauvissière to the Queen of Scots and Mons. Nau.

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March 31. 44. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. Great comfort to her poor servants from the means of having secret intelligence with her. The conveyer of it [Gilbert Giffard] is very honest and of a good house; his family in that shire [Staffordshire]. Other persons practising for her. Poley. Osborne. His uncle's house in Cannock Wood a very fit place for entertaining any persons who bring her anything. Want of money [in France] hinders her service very much. The money promised her from Spain is not paid. Thanks for her writing for Morgan's liberty. Hard treatment of himself, Morgan, and others by her Ambassador [the Bishop of Glasgow]. Advice for her writing to Scotland about Lord Claude Hamilton and others. No good to be expected from the Duke of Guise. The French King undetermined. The King of Spain most to be relied on. Charles Arundel gained over to England. Fitzherbert, Rolston, and the Earl of Westmoreland are also favoured by England. [In the handwriting of Gilbert Curr.]

March 31. Another copy. [In the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes. With No. 33.]

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April 1. 45. Sir Amias Powlet to Mr. T. Phelippes. His letters arrived jump with the time appointed by his friend. Is well persuaded of his fidelity.

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April 1. 46. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The desired celebration of Maundy by the Queen of Scots, which he prevented. A box of abominable trash, beads, pictures, Agnus Dei, &c., sent to her by Mons. Cherelles.

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April 9. 47. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. His communications with divers people who came there with the Earl of Derby. Langharne, servant to a friend of Sir Amias Powlet's is addressed with this packet. Atteslowe is hers assuredly, notwithstanding any information she may have received to the contrary. [In cipher, indorsed by Lord Burghley and others.]

April 9. Decipher of the same. [Vol. xix, No. 50.]

April 11. 48. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mr. Darrell comes herewith to account for the Household defrayments there. His [Powlet's] efforts to reduce the expenses. Mr. Darrell's painful and diligent service. Continual want of money there. Daily complaints by the Queen of Scots' officers. Incloses,

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48. i. "A conference between the prices paid for victuals at the beginning of this year at Tutbury, and the prices now paid at Chartley in this month of April, viz., of wheat, beer, ale, Gascon wine, sack, beef, mutton, veal, lamb, &c.

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April. 49. "Certain abridgements used in Household causes at Tutbury Castle and Chartley, for bringing down of the Household charges there, since the government of Sir Amias Poulet."

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April. 50. Account, by Marmaduke Darrell, of all such sums of money as he hath received towards the Household defrayments of the Scottish Queen and her family at Tutbury Castle and Chartley, between April 30, 1585, and April 3, 1586, amounting to 3,440*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*

April 14. 51. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. His captivity likely to continue until the league between the King of France and Queen of England be broken, or that God take one or both of them. Efforts of the Duke of Guise to obtain his liberty. The King of France's negligent government. Small hope of him. Communication between some banished priests, Dr. William Giffard and one Gratley, and Walsyngham. Giffard's zeal towards her. [Deciphered copy.]

April 18. 52. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Information from Mr. Richard Bagot, respecting the examination of a convicted person, remaining in the gaol of Lichfield, who accuses Ensor and Bold, late servants of Lord Paget's, of some things to have been done by them against her Majesty's Crown and State. It is too true that Lord Paget's servants are ill affected in religion, come seldom to church, and come not at all to the communion.

April 20. 53. "The names and offices of such persons as do attende uppon the Sco. Queene."

April 20. M. De L'Aubespine to the Queen of Scots. Has divided a packet which was too large for convenient delivery. Another packet had fallen into his hands filled with blank paper. Waits her letters in cipher. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. Vol. xviii., No. 17.]

April 20. Copy of the same. [Vol. xix., No. 50.]

April 23. 54. Privy Seal for the Queen of Scots' diets, made payable to Sir Amias Powlet.

April 23. Sir Francis Englefield to Mons^r Nau. Reasons for not writing before. Invited by Charles Paget to renew his correspondence. The money promised to the Queen of Scots by the King of Spain. Fresh order sent for part of it. King of Scots' religion. Preparations for the recovery of St. Domingo, which had been taken by Sir Francis Drake. [With No. 64.]

April 23. Another copy. [With No. 72.]

April 24. 55. Gilbert Giffard to _____. His journey to London so hasty that he could not wait for her Majesty's "depesche." Packet received from Morgan. Reported defeat of the Spaniards by the English in Flanders. The Queen's jealousy of the Earl of Leycester. Great preparations to meet Drake at his return. League between England and Scotland. The young Prince pensioned. Professes his zeal to the Queen of Scots. [Partly in cipher, and deciphered by Gilbert Curll.]

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April 24. Madrid. 56. Lord Paget to the Queen of Scots. Glad of her health, and that she has found means to send to her friends. His usage by the new Pope. Good words of the King of Spain to him. Drake's taking of St. Domingo. The Turk arming "to the sea." [*"Deciphered by me, Gilbert Curril."*]

April 24. Another copy. [*Deciphered by Mr. Phelippes. With No. 74.*]

April 25. Chartley. 57. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Interview with the Queen of Scots. Her complaint that her Majesty had not given audience to the French Ambassador. Her desire that Pierrepont, her attendant, may be sent home to her friends. Pierrepont's intended marriage. The Earl of Leycester's success in the low countries.

April 29. 58. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of his dealings with M. [Babington*] in her behalf. M's jealousy of another person whose services she had preferred to his. M. a person to be respected. Expediency of her writing to him. Copy of the letter to be written by her to him. [*In the handwriting of Gilbert Curril, with memoranda of other letters of a later date.*]

April 29. Another copy. [*Vol. xv., No. 14.*]

April 30. Chartley. 59. Mons. Nau to Mons. de Courcelles. Received his letters and conveyed his thanks to the Queen of Scots. Next time he writes to France will recommend his payment as he desires. Hopes he will employ himself with M. d'Esneval in Scotland to the advantage of the Queen his mistress. Fr.

May 3. The Court. 60. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Thomas Phelippes. The Queen has signed his bill for a pension of a hundred marks, and takes his services in good part. Warning must be given to G; and Foxley looks for an answer.

May 3. Chartley. 61. Queen Mary to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs him to hasten the sending of fresh attendants to her, in consequence of a fever which has broken out among those at present with her, which has deprived her of their services. Fr.

May 5. Chartley. 62. Sir Amias Powlet to [Sir Francis Walsyngham]. False report of his enjoying Lord Paget's grounds there to his own profit. Illness of the Scottish Queen's servants. The result of a search which he has caused to be made in the houses of certain persons of Lichfield. Richard Ensor's study furnished with Popish books of all kinds. A suit for two more laundresses.

May 9. Paris. 63. Don Bernardino de Mendoça to the Queen of Scots. The twenty-four thousand crowns promised her by the King of Spain. Increasing friendship between the King of France and Queen of England. The proceedings of Sir Francis Drake at St. Domingo. Great fleet levied by the King of Spain; prays God it may be employed in the reduction of England. Span.

May 9. 64. Another copy, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.

* This explanation is Mr. Phelippes'.

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May 10. 65. Bishop of Glasgow to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of his audience of the King of France to solicit Morgan's liberation, and to procure the punishment of an impostor, pretending to be a bastard brother of the King of Scots. Preparation of the navy of Spain; the intention to attack England. Affairs of Scotland. The King's favour to the Earl of Arran. His desire to be reconciled to her. Occurrences in France. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

May 12. 66. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports an interview between John Magaley, a Frenchman, and Camille Du Preau, the massing priest there.

[May.] 67. [Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham]. A secret letter or postscript to the preceding, respecting a certain "honest man" of whose discretion he is doubtful from his having written to the Queen of Scots, and who had told "the substitute" that the Queen defers writing till Whitsuntide. [*Not signed.*]

[May.] 68. Another secret advertisement written from Powlet to Walsyngham two or three days after the preceding, respecting the same "honest man," who has now agreed to meet the "substitute" on the 17th instant. [*Not signed.*]

May 18. 69. "An extract of sundry arguments of the French King's good inclination to the amity of England out of the intercepted letters to and from the Scottish Queen." Fr. [*Extracts of various letters of the Bishop of Glasgow, Mendoza, Morgan, and the Queen of Scots, of various dates, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

May 18. 70. Another copy of the same extracts. Fr.

May 19. 71. Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots. Going to the baths of Spain on account of illness. Morgan will receive all his letters. Expediency of her appointing special persons to act for her at different places. The Duke of Guise's efforts to procure Morgan's liberty. Arrival of Ballard there. His mission from the English Catholics; their readiness to take arms on being assured of foreign help. Ballard's interview with the Spanish Ambassador. Money from Spain for her. Lord Paget's cold entertainment at Rome. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

May 19. 72. Another copy.

May 20. 73. Mr. Curril to —. The Queen likes the order of convoy, and will have his security regarded carefully. Shall he send an alphabet to his brother? [*In cipher, deciphered by Mr. Phelippes.*]

May 20. 74. Queen of Scots to Dr. Allen. Hopes that the Pope's and the King of Spain's efforts for the advancement of God's cause will extend to her relief. Trusts they will not overslip the present opportunity, the Queen of England pinching them so near. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

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May 20. 75. Queen of Scots to Sir Francis Englefield. No letters since December 1584. Straightness of her captivity; does not know what course to take. Morgan the chief finder out and director of her "intelligence." [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 20. 76. Queen of Scots to the Spanish Ambassador in France, Don Bernardino de Mendoza. Her pleasure at his appointment to reside in France. Charles Paget instructed by her to make some overtures to him. Her intention, on account of the continuance of her son in heresy, to cede her right to the Crown of England to the King of Spain. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 20. 77. Queen of Scots to Charles Paget. Fitness of the time for the King of Spain to take revenge of the Queen of England. If he sets upon England he must be assured of Scotland. The means which she will employ to effect this, and to have her son delivered into the hands of the King of Spain. Lord Claude Hamilton to be Regent of Scotland, and to be declared heir to the kingdom. Thanks for his goodness to Morgan. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 20. 78. Extract of the preceding letter, respecting the revenge to be taken by the King of Spain on the Queen of England, and the making over the Crown of Scotland to him. Fr. [Also in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 20. 79. Copy of the same extract. Fr.

May. Queen of Scots to De l'Aubespine. Receipt of letters. Fidelity of the bearer. Means desired to send to Scotland. The Countess of Shrewsbury's overture. Desires that a young lady [Pierrepont] may be removed from her service by her father and mother. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 76.]

May. Another copy of the same. [With No. 88.]

May. Another copy.

May 20. 80. Queen of Scots to Thomas Morgan. Her grief for his trouble. Dates of letters received from him. Cannot tell what course to take in her affairs till she hears more amply and more frequently from every part, as she hopes to do by this intercourse. The conveyor's name between them shall be Pietro. Begs him to be of good comfort, as she has taken the best order she can in his affairs. [Draft, by Gilbert Curr.]

May 22. 81. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Particulars of an interview between one Boulenger and Mons. Nau. Nau's passionate message concerning the health of the Queen of Scots. Conveyance of the French letters.

May ? 82. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A secret advertisement respecting a certain "honest man's" failure to meet the "substitute" at a certain place, on the 22nd, and a conversation between the substitute and the honest man's wife about the Queen of Scots' letters. [Not signed.]

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1586. 83. Sir Amias Powlet to Walsyngham. His suspicions of a certain "honest man," appointed to convey letters to the Queen of Scots. His not keeping his appointment with the "substitute," and required increase in his wages. [Not signed.]

May 28. 84. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Glasgow. Receipt of his letters of old date. Her desire to know the King of Spain's designs to revenge himself on the Queen of England. Thanks to be given to him for twelve thousand crowns to be sent to the King of Scotland; her wish that he should have no part of it till he knows his duty better to her. Impossibility of her escape. Will enter into no league unless it be a general one with the Pope, the King of Spain, and all other Catholic Princes. No good to be done with her son. Gray's traitorous dealing towards her. The object of Nau's negotiation for her at the English Court. The designs of the Puritans against her. An association to procure her death. The Countess of Shrewsbury's falsehoods against her. Begs his good offices for Morgan. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 28. 85. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Ross. His letters of July 17, 1585, only received the 20th of the last month. Thanks him for his travail with Lord Claude Hamilton, and for his kindness to Morgan, and begs him to persevere to the obtaining of his liberty if it be possible. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 28. 86. Queen of Scots to Thomas Morgan. A copy of the letter of which the draft is described at May 20, ante. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 28. Queen of Scots to Robert Parsons. Receipt of his letters. Could have brought to pass that which he required had she received them earlier. Is now strictly guarded. Impossibility of escape. Begs him to labour by all means for the "re-establishment of things in this country," and to convey her thanks to the Prince of Parma. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 28. 87. Queen of Scots to Mr. Liggons. Difficulty of communication. Thanks for his trouble. Morgan's service to her. The Countess of Shrewsbury's denial of the shameful reports which she had spread abroad against her. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 29. 88. Queen of Scots to Godfrey Foljambe. Thanks for his advice and consolation. Has recommended him to Don Bernardino de Men-doça. The persons he writes of not to be won. Morgan's fidelity to her. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes, with a postscript by the Queen's Secretary.]

May 30. 89. Monsieur De l'Aubespine to the Queen of Scots. The Queen of England's approval of the removal of Pierrepont. Has only replied in general terms to the Countess of Shrewsbury. French affairs. Ambassador from Denmark to make peace between England and Spain. The league between England and Scotland. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 30. Another copy of the same. [Vol. xviii., No. 17.]

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May 30. 90. Mons. Nau to Mons. Fontenay. His proceedings in Scotland are well received by the Queen of Scots. Advises him always to speak well of the King of Scots whatsoever he may think to the contrary. Not to be of any faction. To temporise with the Bishop of Glasgow. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

May 30. 91. The names of the Scottish Queen's Household people at Chartley.

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June 3. 1. Sir Amias Powlet to Mr. Thomas Phelippes. Prevented writing before by the gout. His "friend" had committed two great faults which made him suspect the worst. Will let him know if he hears of anything of Lord Paget's meet for him [Phelippes].

June 3. 2. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A passage in Cherelles' letter to Nau, not welcome to the Queen of Scots. French news. Increasing strength of the Queen of Scots.

June 6. 3. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Advises that Mrs. Pierrepont be removed from the Queen of Scots suddenly. Can only surmise Queen Mary's meaning in desiring to have her removed. The passage in Cherelles' letter respecting her marriage. Will send to Mr. Pierrepont.

June 9. 4. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Recommends that due notice may be given him of any intended removal of the Queen of Scots.

June 10. 5. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Letter from Bourdeaux. Maxim of the papists concerning heretics. Intention of the Laird of Barnebougall to visit his daughters, who are attendant upon the Queen of Scots.

June 10. 6. Thomas Barnes to Queen Mary. Has long lamented her estate, and desired to serve her. Sends a packet from France, and requests a new alphabet. ["Deciphered by me, Gilbert Curll."]

June 15. 7. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mr. Pierrepont's disposition regarding the removal of his daughter from attendance on the Queen of Scots. His letter; interview with the Queen of Scots about it; her unwillingness to let her go; and ultimate refusal to do so. *Incloses,*

7. I. Mr. Pierrepont to Sir Amias Powlet. Sends some of his servants to conduct to him his daughter an attendant upon the Queen of Scots. Holbeck Woodhouse. June 13.

June 16. Thomas Barnes to Gilbert Curll. Received his letter on his way from London; bestowed an angel on the bearer as an encouragement. His brother will bear all charges. Shall never be so far off but his directions may be sent to him. ["Deciphered by me, Gilbert Curll." With No. 26.]

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June 16. 8. Mr. Pierrepont to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Informs him of his having sent to Chartley for his daughter, but that she and the Queen of Scots were loth to part asunder.

June 17. 9. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Complaint made to him about delaying the Queen of Scots' letters. A shift of the Queen of Scots to detain Mistress Pierrepont. Much physic taken by the Queen of Scots to cure her lameness.

June 19. 10. Gilbert Curll to Thomas Barnes. The Queen of Scots is much beholden to him and his cousin. No inconvenience has ever happened to any man who has been employed as he [Barnes] is by her. This day fortnight she will have a packet finished to be sent to the French Ambassador, therefore desires him to have his boy in readiness. *[Certified by Curll.]*

June 19. Queen of Scots to some person unknown [Thomas Barnes?] Thanks him for his affection; before she accepts his offers, desires to know his intentions more particularly, and why he conceals his name *[In the handwriting of Gilbert Curll. With the preceding.]*

June 20. 11. Queen of Scots to Gabriel Denis. Thanks him for letters. Is guarded so strictly that she has no knowledge of what is going on in the world, therefore begs him to inform her from time to time of such occurrences as shall come to his knowledge. *[In the handwriting of Mr. Gilbert Curll.]*

June 21. 12. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Respecting a certain "honest man," a conveyer of letters from the Queen of Scots to whom he has given four angels, that he may know that the past is forgiven.

June 24. 13. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Commendation of Pietro [Gilbert Giffard] who conveys her letters, and to whom he has promised a prebend of St. Quintin's. Begs her to write to the Duke of Guise and her Ambassador to procure his liberty. Reminds her to write to the Pope. The Pope no friend to the Jesuits. News of French matters. The French King in marvellous evil conceit. The King of Spain's intended enterprise against her of England. The King of Scotland's disposition and behaviour towards England. The expedience of her getting him out of Scotland. Disorders in France. Ballard's disposition towards her, &c. *[In cipher. Indorsed by Burghley, Walsyngham, and others.]*

June 24. 14. Decipher of the same, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelipps.

June 25. 15. Don Bernardino de Mendoça to the Queen of Scots. Receipt of her letters. Complains of illness. Thanks for her confidence. King of Spain. Morgan. France and England. Foljambe. Prince of Parma. Duke of Guise, &c. *[In cipher.]*

June 25. 16. Decipher of the same in Spanish, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelipps.

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June 25. Queen of Scots to Anthony Babington. Thanks for his affection in all that concerns her. Begs him to deliver to the bearer any letters which he may have received for her from France or Scotland. Fr. [Vol. xix., No. 9.]

June 25. Translation of the same in English. [Vol. xix., No. 10.]

June 25. Another copy, also in English. [Vol. xix., No. 11.]

June 25. Another copy. [Vol. xix., No. 12.]

June ? Chartley. 16 A. Gilbert Currill? to [Thomas Barnes?]. Hopes to have the Queen's dispatch ready soon; meantime, she desires him to convey something to Mr. Anthony Babington, dwelling mostly in Derbyshire. Wishes to know what he understands of the Earl of Shrewsbury's going to Court. [In cipher, with decipher in the handwriting of Mr. T. Phelippes].

June 26. 17. Mons. De L'Aubespine to the Queen of Scots. Expecting to hear of the receipt of his letters. Sends others. Has been so informed of her that he has been on the point of burning them. Begs advertisement from her as often as possible. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. T. Phelippes.]

June 26. 18. Another copy of the same letter, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.

June 29. 19. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. His efforts with Mendoça to persuade the King of Spain to persevere in his designs on England. The state of France growing worse and worse. Leycester's proceedings in Holland. The Queen's little confidence in him. New "supply" by sea for Sir Francis Drake. Pension to be given by the Queen of England to the King of Scotland. Charles Paget remaining in Spain. Expediency of her not going out of Staffordshire. [In cipher. Indorsed by Burghley, Walsyngham, and others.]

June 29. 20. Decipher of the same, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.

June 29. 21. Another copy, also by Mr. Phelippes.

June 29. Chartley. 22. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A little packet brought by the honest man, but evidently not the one he [Walsyngham] expects. Desires to know what course he shall take with the "substitute." Dares not put Mr. Phelippes' plans in execution. Shall open the returned packet, and only deliver the second letter contained in it to the honest man.

June 29. Chartley. 23. Sir Amias Powlet to Thomas Phelippes. Dares not proceed to the execution of his plan in all things, therefore returns his packet.

June 30. Chartley. 24. Queen of Scots to Mons. La Rue. Interruption in her "intelligence" since the change of her keeper. Her pleasure at his frequent journeys and their objects. One matter which he communicates to her will be known only by those engaged in her most important affairs; begs him, therefore, to write plainly and conceal nothing. Currill's fidelity and merits. Has heard nothing of the success of Dr. Allen's negotiation at Rome. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

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June ? 25. Fragment of a letter, indorsed by Mr. Phelippes as respecting Savage, Gilbert Giffard, Paget, &c.

June. 26. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Amias Powlet. Desires him to express to the Queen of Scots her surprise that she has refused to deliver young Pierrepont to her father's servants, and wishes to know how this change in her disposition cometh about. [*"Not sent."*]

June 30. Mons. Nau to Mr. Foljambe. His slight acquaintance with Morgan. If he has committed any error it is not through his [Nau's] means. Father Henry can tell him of the other matter. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 28.*]

July. 27. Queen of Scots to Lord Claude Hamilton. Her satisfaction at that which Paget and Fontenay wrote to her of him. Desires to know his disposition towards her. The late league between her son and the Queen of England. The Master of Gray's enmity against her; her wish to have him removed.]

July 2. 28. Queen of Scots to Charles Paget. Her meaning that his pension should be continued. Has written to the Pope and the King of Spain for the discharge of a debt to him. Has written to Lord Claude Hamilton. Morgan shall want no comfort she can procure him. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

July 2. Queen of Scots to Don Bernardino de Mendoça. Sorry for Chartley. the hinderance to the designs of the King of Spain. Her own readiness to submit to the will of God. Begs him to forward the payment of certain monies advanced on her account by Paget, Arundel, and Morgan. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. With No. 28.*]

July 2. 29. Queen of Scots to Thomas Morgan. Her thankfulness to him. Chartley. His advice shall be followed, and communication had with the people he mentions as opportunity offers. One letter delivered by means of Pietro [Gilbert Giffard]. Could not detain him longer by reason of the danger he was in. Extreme watchfulness of her keeper. Her grief for the money owing to Paget. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

July. Anthony Babington to the Queen of Scots. Informs her of a plan for the invasion of England, for her own deliverance and the despatch of the usurping competitor, all which he vows shall be performed, and whereupon all the chief actors have taken the Sacrament. Requests her advice and the names of persons to take the lead of the matter in England, the multitude there being ever prone to follow the nobility. Himself, with ten gentlemen and a hundred followers, will undertake the delivery of her royal person; and there be six noble gentlemen, all his private friends, who, for the zeal they bear to the Catholic cause, will undertake the tragical execution of

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the despatch of the usurper. Suggests that she must reward all persons who may take part in the heroical attempt. Requests her to reduce their plans to method, and he will await her orders at Lichfield. Fr. [Vol. xix., No. 9.]

July. The same letter in English. [Vol. xix., No. 10.]

July. Another copy, also in English. [Vol. xix., No. 11.]

July. Another copy, in English. [Vol. xix., No. 12.]

July 2. Chartley. 30. [Gilbert Curll ? to Thomas Barnes ?]. Has written to him twice, but has received no answer. Her Majesty [the Queen of Scots] prays him to send the packet safely to the French Ambassador. [In cipher, with decipher by Mr. Phelippes.]

July 4. 31. Thomas Germyn to Nicholas Cornellys. Letters arrived from A. [the Queen of Scots*] soon after he left. A.'s thanks to him for his services, and grant of a prebend to him. A. has been and is still profitable to the whole band of banished afflicted Catholics. Two Jesuits, Father Southwell and Father Garnet, sent into England. News of France. Expected mutiny in Paris. The Bastille and the arsenal to be joined into one fortress to keep the Parisians in good obedience. [The names in cipher, indorsed by Phelippes, "Thomas Morgan to Gilbert Giffard."]

July 7. 32. Mr. Thomas Phelippes to Sir F. Walsyngham. Desires some warrants for the apprehension of Ballard. Advises that a straight watch be kept at the ports, to intercept the fugitives who will attempt to escape on Babington's apprehension. Divers suspected persons desirous to go over sea. Begs him to give direction to Sir Amias Powlet concerning Babington's apprehension.

July. 33. "Matters to be considered of about Babington's conspiracy." [In the autograph of Sir Francis Walsyngham.]

July ? 34. Memoranda respecting certain persons to be apprehended, to inquire about the acquaintances of Babington and Ballard, Mr. Phelippes to set down the matters wherewith they are to be charged, &c.

July ? 35. Memorandum of persons "great" with Babington and Ballard. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 7. Chartley. 36. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A note inclosed from the [French] Ambassador, the matter of which he has refused to agree to. Refusal of the Queen of Scots to submit to an order which he had made respecting the "dietet" of her attendants; her offer to deliver up Mistress Pierrepont. Incloses,

36. 1. Mons. de L'Aubespine Chateauneuf to Sir Amias Powlet. *In behalf of a young Scotchman who had served in France, who is desirous to return to Scotland, and wishes to see his mother, an attendant on the Queen of Scots.*

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July 7. 37. Anonymous to Mr. Thomas Phelippes. A trial of the "honest man." The second messenger gone to London. Has written to Sir Amias about him.

July 8. Stilton. 38. Mr. Thomas Phelippes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Met a packet of Sir Amias Powlet's between Stilton and Stamford, and has taken out a packet from the Scottish Queen to the French Ambassador.

July 9. 39. Thomas Sansellen to Nicholas Cornellys. Begs him to entertain Ballard, but to do it discreetly. His letters to the French Ambassador. A letter to Lord Henry Howard. Great importance of the removal of the Queen of Scots. Burden discovered to be a lewd fellow. French news. [The names in cipher. Indorsed by Phelippes, "Morgan to Cornellys."]

July 11. 40. Anonymous to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Barnes evidently not come to town. Hopes Mr. Phelippes will meet the packet by the way. A "practise" of which Morgan informed him. An interview with Ballard; his complaints of Morgan and Paget; his disclosures. The Queen of Scots' consent to be obtained to their proceedings. [Indorsed "from G. G."]

July 12. 41. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Glasgow. Her satisfaction at his conduct. League between Elizabeth and the Prince of Scotland. Efforts which ought to be made to break it. Recommends the payment of the pensions of Paget, Morgan, and others. Impossibility of her helping the Earl of Westmoreland. [With a copy of another letter also from the Queen of Scots to the Cardinal de Montdevis, appointing him to the office held by the late Cardinal Sermonet, as her "sainte pere," and committing the protection of Scotland to him.] [This last letter dated June 30. Both in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

July 12. 42. Gilbert Curril to [Thomas Barnes]. The Queen of Scots' thanks for his diligence. Distrust of a certain messenger. The inclosed to be conveyed to Mr. Babington, if he is come down to the country. [In cipher, with decipher by Mr. Phelippes.]

July 13. Chartley. 43. Mons. Nau to Mr. Babington. The Queen received his letters, which cannot be deciphered till the bearer's return. Great assurance given of Poley, but cannot recommend that he be trusted at present. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 13. Chartley. 44. Queen of Scots to Mons. de Chateauneuf. Recommendation of Mistress Pierrepont to the Queen of England. Increased severity and insolence of her keeper [Sir Amias Powlet]. Her wish to have him removed. Her fears of him if anything should happen to the Queen of England. Her desire to know the meaning of Shrewsbury's journey to the Court. Requests a copy of the league just made between England and Scotland. Fr.

July 13. 45. Copy, by Mr. Phelippes.

July 13. Chartley. Another copy, by Mr. Phelippes. [With Vol. xix., No. 15.]

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July 14. 46. "Extract of diverse poyntes in the intercepted letters arguing the malice of Morgan and the rest of the Scottish Queen's servantes in France, both agaynst this state and that." Extracts of various letters, thus indorsed by Mr. Phelippes. Fr.

July 14. 47. Another copy of the same extracts.

July 14. 48. Thomas Phelippes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards divers letters of the Queen of Scots to the French Ambassador and others, which have been deciphered. She is recovering her health, and rode out in her coach yesterday. He [Phelippes] had a smiling countenance from her, but thought of the verse—

"Cum tibi dicit ave sicut ab hoste cave."

July 14. 49. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sends a packet intercepted by Mr. Phelippes. Thanks him for messages sent by him.

July 16. 50. Thomas Morgan to the Queen of Scots. Writes to Babington to move him to be more diligent in her service; in the situation he [Morgan] is in, he can only help her with his pen. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 17. 51. Queen of Scots to Anthony Babington. Her confidence in him. Her commendation of his zeal to prevent the extirpation of their religion. Inexpediency of delaying their proceedings; ready to sacrifice her life in the cause. Means to be taken to ensure the success of their enterprise; Mendoça to be made acquainted with it. Directions for arming their party, and for her rescue from her keeper. Great caution to be used. If she is imprisoned, the enterprise still to be pursued. Shall try and make the Catholice rise in Scotland; a "stirring" in Ireland also to be laboured for. The Earls of Arundel, Northumberland, Westmoreland, and Lord Paget are persons fit to take the head of the enterprise. Caution to be used. Reserve to be maintained with Chateauneuf. Prospect of her removal. Means to be adopted to effect her escape. Sends him a new alphabet. Begs him to burn this letter. Fr. [Indorsed "Tourns d'Angloys en Francoys," with attestations by Anthony Babington, Mons. Nau, and Gilbert Cury, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

July 17. 52. The same letter in English.

July 17. 53. Another copy, also in English.

July 17. 54. Another copy, also contemporary.

July ? 55. Paper indorsed by Thomas Phelippes, "The Postscript of the Scottish Queen's letter to Babington," in cipher, desiring to know the names and qualities of the six gentlemen who are to accomplish the "designment," how he proceeds, who is privy to it, and how far.

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July 17. 56. Thomas Phelippes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sends Mr. Harborne's letter. Gilbert Giffard promises to discover something of importance. Two persons of "great government" sent over by Morgan. Somebody should be disguised and appear before the French Ambassador, and talk with him as Emilio Russo.

July 17. 57. [Gilbert Curril to Thomas Barnes?]. The Queen of Scots' good opinion of his affection towards her. Begs him "to continue in occurrences," and to cause the inclosed to be surely delivered into the hands of Anthony Babington. [In cipher. Deciphered by Mr. Phelippes.]

July 17. 58. Collections or extracts from letters of "the Queen of Scots to the French Ambassador," the last dated July 27th [i.e. 17th], 1586. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 18. 59. John Zott to Monsieur Segart. Suspects that Nutmeg's brother told something to his sister. It was one Ball who lighted on a soldier who opened all old stuff. Warning must be given to Zutfield's friends; and Mr. Pelliston must furnish himself with money.

[July.] 60. Letters in cipher,—

- “ To Monsieur de Glasco. Decifred 16 July 1586.
- “ To Monsieur de Glasgo. Decifred ut supra.
- “ Q. of Scottes to Charles Pagett. Decifred 18 July 1586.
- “ Q. of Scottes to La Rue. Decifred.
- “ Q. of Scottes to D. Lewes. Decifred 18 July 1586.”

[These letters are upon one sheet of paper, indorsed by Mr. Thomas Phelippes.]

July 19. 61. Thomas Phelippes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sends the Queen of Scots' answer to Babington. Looks for his speedy apprehension; thinks they have had enough of him; and his house should be searched. Will not burn the Queen's letter, as he wishes it for evidence against her. Hopes her Majesty will hang Nau and Curril. Powlet is much comforted with the late discoveries. The Queen of Scots' late letters to the Bishop of Glasgow and others. Sorry that Ballard is not yet taken.

July 20. 62. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sends papers containing matter enough of trouble for some time. Trusts that her Majesty and her Counsellors will make their profit of them.

July 20. 63. Thomas Phelippes to —. Respecting the delivery of certain letters, and referring to one which Babington said required great haste, and therefore they returned without staying for any dispatch from the French Ambassador.

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July 21. 64. Letters in cipher,—
 “ To Fulgeame. Decifred 21 Julye 1586.
 “ To Fontenay.
 “ Q. of Scottes to D. Lewes. Decifred 18 July 1586.
 “ To Mr. Denis.
 “ To Don Bernardino de Mendosa. Decifred 21 July 1586.”
[These letters are on one sheet, and indorsed by Mr. Phelippes.]

July 22. Tower Hill. 65. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. His communication with C., who, by the advice of all the priests and other his seminary acquaintances, means to go to the chief persons and places named in his papers. Particulars about one Barnewall a “bad practiser.” B. is not yet arrived.

July 22. Tower Hill. 66. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Interview with B. The arrangements for apprehension of Ballard.

July 22. Tower Hill. 67. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Interview with C. One Dickenson, directed from certain priests in the Marshalsea to Dr. Allen at Rheims, easily to be apprehended. C. desirous to leave the country.

July 22. The Court. 68. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. Phelippes. Instructs him to return as quietly as he can. Some persons jealous of his going down. Some of them very “inward” with the post. Hopes that Ballard will be taken before his return. He must bring the original letter to Babington when he comes.

July 23. Tower Hill. 69. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Gilbert Giffard gone into the country with Ballard. Arrangements for the apprehension of Ballard through Giffard’s means. A banquet among the priests in the Marshalsea. Two, ladies present. The story of Magdalene.

July 23. Tower Hill. 70. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Excuses himself for acquainting Beard with that which he should not have known. A warrant for apprehension of Ballard. Expediency of getting him within the city walls.

July 24. Tower Hill. 71. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reports the apprehension of three priests in Tothill Street. Incloses papers found upon them. One Martin Area, a notable seminary priest, liberated from the Marshalsea. *Incloses,*

71. I. *Names of three priests apprehended by Mr. Mylles’ servants.*

71. II. *A paper found on the person of one of these priests, being the indictment against A. B. for coming into England, having been made a priest in France; with the priest’s defence.*
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71. III. *Memoranda, or extracts in Latin, “S. Ambrosius ad Valentinianum,” and “S. Gregorius ad Mauritium.”*
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July 24. Tower Hill. 72. Francis Myles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Suspicion of Gilbert Giffard in regard to Ballard. Offer of B. to apprehend Ballard. Arrangements about his apprehension.

July 26. Chartley. * 73. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Refers to Mr. Phelippes for information. The Queen of Scots complains of her keeper and her lodging.

July 27. 74. Queen of Scots to Thomas Morgan. Letters received from him, apparently through Poley. Her uncertainty about him. M's kind and honest offers to her; shall "entertain" him. Pietro takes charge of her letter to the French Ambassador. Her uncertainty about one Mr. Phelippes, who has been with her Keeper. Bessie Pierrepont; wishes to be rid of her. Has written to procure his liberty. Alphabets. [In the handwriting of Gilbert Curll.]

July [27]. 75. The same letter. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes. Dated the 12th of July. Babington's name being substituted for the letter M.]

July 27. Chartley. 76. Queen of Scots to Sir Francis Englefield. Thanks to be given to the King of Spain for 12,000 crowns, which shall only be employed to effect her escape. Glad that he begins to revenge himself on the Queen of England. The report of a peace between England and Spain hinders her "designment." A plot for the rising of the Catholics in England; her advice to them; wishes to know if the King of Spain likes it. [In cipher.]

July. 27. Chartley. 77. Deciphered copy, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.

July 27. Chartley. 78. Queen of Scots to the Bishop of Glasgow. Thanks to be rendered to the Spanish Ambassador for twelve thousand crowns, provided for her by the King of Spain; authorises him to receive it for her. As it is to be employed to effect her deliverance, it shall be employed for no other purpose. Means to be used that she may get it safely. To be kept secret from Paget and Arundel. Her fears of the King of Spain's delaying his enterprise against England. A faction to be raised in Scotland against England; the Catholics well disposed for it. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 27. 79. Extracts of letters from the Queen of Scots to Don Bernardino de Mendoça, the Bishop of Glasgow, and Sir Francis Englefield, respecting a plot of the Catholics against the Queen of England. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

July 27. 80. The same extracts and another from the Queen to Lord Paget on the same subject. Fr.

July 27. 81. Extracts of letters:—
 Charles Paget to the Queen of Scots, May 19, 1586.
 The Queen to Charles Paget in reply, July 27, 1586.
 The Queen to Lord Paget, July 27, 1586, respecting Ballard and designs of the Catholics.

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July 27 or 28. 82. Anonymous to Mr. Mylles. Informs him that Anthony Babington has bespoken a great supper at the Castle near the Exchange, and that Ballard will probably make one. Shall keep at home himself to avoid suspicion, but suggests that Ballard be dogged to his lodging and apprehended.

July 27. Queen of Scots to Mons. De l'Aubespine. Desired removal of Mistress Pierrepont. Innovations and continued vigour of her Keeper. Reported intention to put her again in the custody of Shrewsbury. The late treaty made with her son. Desires to know something about a Mr. Phelippe who has been there upwards of a month. [Vol. xix., No. 15. *In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippe.*]

July 27. Another copy. [With No. 87.]

July 29. Rouen. 83. Bishop of Ross to the Queen of Scots. The King of Scots still in the power of the Earls of Angus and Mar. Lord Claude seldom at Court. The Fathers are still in the country, but quiet, by the King's connivance. The King's affection to Arran. The King of France not favourable to her friends. Continued success of the Duke of Mayenne. Appearance of troubles in France. [In cipher, with interlinear explanation by Mr. Phelippe.]

July 29. 84. Decipher of the same, by Mr. Phelippe.

July 29. 85. Another copy, also in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippe.

July 29. 86. [Mr. Gilbert Currill to Emilio ?]. The Queen's thanks for letters conveyed to her. Letters to be delivered to [Babington*]. Arrangements for secret communication. [In cipher.]

July 29. 87. Decipher of the preceding, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippe.

July 29. Chartley. 88. Sir Amias Powlet to Mr. Phelippe. Has opened a letter which he incloses. God grant that good resolution may be taken.

July 29. Chartley. 89. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Departure of Mr. Phelippe. Happy news from Sir Francis Drake. A cipher.

July 29. Tower Hill. 90. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Preparations for the apprehension. Disappointment. Persons who supped with Babington. Doubts about his movements. A warrant required for Berdon.

July 30. Chartley. 91. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards a packet which betrayeth that the people there are sharp set, and write with greediness.

July 30. The Court. 92. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. Phelippe. Wishes to see him at Barn Elms this afternoon if it will not interfere with "the other good purpose." Arthur will not find him unmindful.

* Mr. Phelippe's explanation.

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[July.] 93. Abstracts of the contents of various letters from and to the Queen of Scots, from January to July 1586. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

[July.] 94. Queen of Scots to M. Chateauneuf. Representation to be made by him to the Queen of England. The excessive rigour used towards her. Her continual offers to agree to any conditions proposed to her. Restrictions imposed on her. The injury to her health. Testimony of her physicians. Fr.

[July.] 95. Two letters in cipher, described by Mr. Phelippes, as of the "Q. of Seottes to the L. Pagett," and "Mendoza to the Scottish Q. decifred the 16th of August 1580."

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[August ?] 1. Anonymous [Gilbert Giffard] to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Purposes going into the country. Will leave such means for the apprehension of Ballard that he shall not suspect him. Ballard's dealing with Rome. His [Giffard's] uncle, Offley, is very "apt" to be used in the matter..

August 2. 2. Queen of Scots to Don Bernardino de Mendoça. Her satisfaction that the King of Spain begins to revenge himself on the Queen of England. Had been discouraged by the ill success attending former designs; but has now written to the principal Catholics on a design which she suggests to them. Has advised them to send some one to Spain, well instructed. They will perform all they promise. The means of her escape. Thanks for twelve thousand crowns granted her by the King of Spain to effect it. Recommends the case of Morgan. Fr. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

August 2. 3. Thomas Phelippes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Fears that they are all cosened by Babington, who has gone out of town. Recommends the sending after him, and that order be given to Sir Amias Powlet to apprehend him. Touching Ballard he shall know to-morrow.

August 3. 4. Francis Myles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Fresh delays in the apprehension of Ballard. Babington gone into the country. Expediency of Ballard's immediate apprehension. A priest set at liberty by the Town Clerk. Babington discovered to be still in the city. Apprehension of Edmonds.

[August 3.] 5. Anonymous [Gilbert Giffard] to [Walsyngham]. What has he determined about the money? Ballard has changed his opinion about going down with him [Giffard].

August 3. 6. Thomas Phelippes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Has found Babington to be in town. Mystery. Means to lay hold of Ballard, and begs a warrant to do so.

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August 3. 7. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Conference with Mr. Waad. Mr. Bagot to be thanked for his faithful service. *Incloses,*

7. I. *Memoranda of a conference between Sir Amias Powlet and Mr. Waad about the manner of seizing the Queen of Scots' papers, the apprehension of Nau and Curr, the removal of the Queen of Scots, &c.* [August.]

August. 8. Gilbert Giffard to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Expresses his gratification in being separated from the malignant company of seditious companions, in being able to do dutiful service to his country, and in having won his honour's favour.

August 3. 9. Anthony Babington to the Queen of Scots. Did not receive her letter till the 19th July, on account of his absence from Lichfield. The danger they have been in by the treachery of one Maude, who came from France with Ballard, who had been to Mendoza about this affair. Begs her not to falter, as it is a good and honourable enterprise. What they have vowed they will perform or die. Fr.

August 3. 10. The same in English.

August 3. 11. Another copy of the same.

August 3. 12. Another copy.

[August 4.] 13. Anonymous to Mr. Mylles. A meeting of Ballard's friends on change and a supper. Earnest discourse of Mr. Babington and others. Ballard not yet come to town. Hopes Mr. Giffard has not let them slip.

August 4. 14. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Apprehension of Ballard. Uncertainty about taking Babington with him. Good service of the persons employed in the matter.

August 5. 15. M. De l'Aubespine to the Queen of Scots. Little chance of her Keeper's being removed. Lord St. John's refusal to take the charge. The Earl of Shrewsbury would not accept it again, if it were offered to him. The league made with Scotland. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

August 5. 16. Another copy, by Mr. Phelippes.

August 5. 17. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Queen. Will obey her commands and keep this great cause to himself. Recommends the use of some "apt instrument" towards Ballard. Desires orders respecting the placing of Ballard after his examination. He is now under a strong guard in the Compter.

August ? 18. "Articles to be charged against Ballard, alias Foskew." i.e., matters considered suspicious, as to his communications with persons abroad, with Charles Paget, Thomas Morgan, Mendoza the Spanish Ambassador, and Anthony Babington. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

August ? 19. Copy of the same.

August ? 20. Questions to be put to Ballard, founded on the preceding charges.

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August 8. 21. P. B. to Mr. Beton, Master of the Household of the Queen of Scots. Thanks for favours. His wonder at a former cold letter. Sorry to leave the country. Proposes to pass to Italy to seek some better fortune.

August 8. 22. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The bearer arrived with his letters at six in the afternoon. His directions shall be duly performed.

August. 23. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. A letter to the Queen of Scots from the French Ambassador; its purport.

August 8. 24. Articles to be ministered to John Savage as to his acquaintance with Ballard, Dr. Giffard, and Anthony Babington. [*In the handwriting of Sir Francis Walsyngham.*]

August ? 25. Articles wherewith Pooley is to be charged, as to his acquaintance with Babington. [*In the handwriting of Sir Francis Walsyngham.*]

August ? 26. A long confession or statement by Robert Poley, of his acquaintance with Babington and Ballard, Babington's intention to travel, his interviews with Walsyngham, Walsyngham's distrust, his intelligence with the Queen of Scots, and with Morgan, the plot against the Queen of England's life, &c.

August ? 27. Articles to be ministered to D. Good, respecting H. Donne, his acquaintance with Ballard, alias Fortescue, and others. [*In the handwriting of Walsyngham.*]

August 9. 28. Depositions of William Leigh, servant to Mr. Robert Barnewell, touching the company that Mr. Babington did use, as well as their usual places of meeting.

[August 9.] 29. "A memorial of things to be done about the remove of the Scottish Queen." Nau and Curril to be arrested. Papers to be searched for. The Queen to be removed to some place near Chartley, where the people are well affected, &c. [*In the handwriting of Sir Francis Walsyngham.*]

August 9. 30. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Amias Powlet. Having discovered some dangerous practices, tending to the peril of the State and of her own person, instructs him to apprehend Nau and Curril, and to remove the Queen of Scots.

August 9. 31. Instructions for Sir Amias Powlet about the removal of the Queen of Scots, the apprehension of Nau and Curril, and the seizure of all their papers.

August 10. 32. Lord Claude Hamilton to the Queen of Scots. Professes his devotion, and offers to dedicate all he has in the world to her service. Lord Paget's brother has not yet communicated to him that matter mentioned in her letter.

[August 10. 33. Another copy of the same letter.

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[August.] 34. Articles to be ministered unto Jane Tycheborne, wife to Chidiock Tycheborne, respecting her husband's knowledge of Babington and Barnewall.

August 10. 35. The examination and answers of Jane Tycheborne, respecting her husband and Babington.

August 11. 36. Second examination of Jane Tycheborne.

[August.] 37. Questions "to be inquired of Tichborne," respecting his knowledge of Babington. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

August 11. 38. Confession by John Savage as to his knowledge of those who have "practised" and "intended" against the Queen's Majesty of England, also of his acquaintance with Ballard, Babington, and others. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

[August 11.] 39. Notes concerning Blake, the goldsmith, and the value of a jewel left with him by Babington.

August 11. 40. The examination of Peter Blake, goldsmith, dwelling at the sign of the Golden Hind, in Cheapside, respecting a jewel which he has in his possession belonging to Mr. Babington.

[August.] 41. "Matter omitted by Savage in his confession," respecting the Queen of Scots' knowledge of Babington's design against the person of the Queen of England. [*In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.*]

August 12. 42. The examination of Chidiock Tichborne before the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer, respecting his knowledge of Babington and a proposed invasion of England.

[August.] 43. "Certain questions propounded to Babington," with his answers to them. Where he did eat on the last Sunday before he was taken, and whether it was not at Chiswick.

August 13. 44. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Incloses a paper. London. In hopes of "recovering" Babington. Are certain houses mentioned in another paper to be searched?

August 15. 45. Gilbert Giffard to Mr. Phelippes. Begs his intercession against some undeserved insinuations, that he may not have blame and disgrace for his labours.

August 15. 46. Gilbert Giffard to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Hopes that his sudden departure is not thought of "sinistrously." Denies that he ever dealt for him with any corrupt intention. Wishes to know what he is accused of, and doubts not to confound all his adversaries.

August 19. 47. Nicasius Yetswiert to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Delivery of certain letters to Queen Elizabeth. Her thanks for his trouble. Instructions for the guarding of Nau and Cury. The Queen's wish that Powlet should write to her a full account of the matter. Babington, Barnewell, and Savage to be examined thoroughly.

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August 20. 48. M. de Courcelles to M. Pinart. Forces levied in Scotland to help the Queen of England in the Low Countries; the Master of Gray to have the command of them. The King's object in thus joining in the war with the Queen of England. Affection of Huntly and others to the Queen of Scots, &c. Fr. [Partly in cipher.]

August 20. 49. M. de Courcelles to the Queen of Scots. Disposition of the King. His own affection to her service. Ill offices of Archibald Douglas against him. He goes in a few days as Ambassador to England. Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

August 21. 50. Nicasius Yetsweirt to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen's Windsor. approbation of the order for the safe bringing of Nau and Curr. Her anxiety about the caskets with writings. Great perplexity of the French Ambassador before her Majesty, when she mentioned the "intended enterprise."

August 22. 51. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Expedience of their return to Chartley. Inexpedience of discharging the priest, and letting him return to France. Requires direction about Pierrepont, Melvill, and Pasquier. Fidelity of Mr. Darell. Has had no communication lately with the Queen of Scots.

August 24. 52. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Incloses an Tixall. account of the late proceedings with the Queen of Scots. Requests directions concerning Nau's and Curr's servants. Intended return to Chartley.

August ? 53. Extract of a letter from the French Ambassador in England to the Queen of Scots. Forwarding letters from France and referring to the illness of the King of France. Fr.

August 24. 54. Francis Mylles to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Papers inclosed. Seething Lane. Lewd speeches at Dartford. Conduct of Nau and Curr in prison.

[August.] 55. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Amias Powlet, her faithful and careful servant. Thanks him for his most troublesome charge so well discharged. Cannot balance the value she prizes him at. Let the wicked murtheress know how her vile deserts compel these orders; and, bid her ask God forgiveness for her treacherous dealings.

August 25. 56. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. The Queen's Windsor. great commendation of him. Allows his purpose of removing the Queen of Scots again to Chartley, but she is to be treated as a prisoner. Pasquier to be sent up. The Queen's pleasure shall be learned touching the priest, whom he has done well to detain at his [Walsyngham's] cousin Gresley's house.

August 26. 57. Mons. Arnould to Mons. de Courcelles, French Ambassador in London. Informs him of the imprisonment of 25 or 30 Catholic gentlemen in the Tower of London, who are reported to have had a design of killing the Queen and burning the city of London. Fr.

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August. 58. "A note of such sumes of money as have been paied out of the receipt of the Eschequire for the diette of the Scottes Quene since her deliuerie into the chardge of Sr Amys Poulett unto the 26th day of August, 1586."

August 26. 59. The Lord Treasurer and Mr. Secretary to Sir Amias Powlet. The Queen's desire that the Queen of Scots should be removed to Fotheringay Castle in Northamptonshire. Sir Walter Mildmay to be sent to view it. Mr. Darell to be sent also. The Queen to be kept there as a prisoner.

August 26. 60. Articles to be resolved on by Sir Amias Powlet, as to the accommodation necessary for the Queen of Scots being kept as a prisoner; how long it will take to remove her, &c.

August 26. 61. The Lord Treasurer and Mr. Secretary to Sir Walter Mildmay. Inform him of the Queen's intention to have the Queen of Scots removed out of Staffordshire to Fotheringay Castle, in Northamptonshire, and desires him to let them understand how far the said castle is fit for the purpose.

August 27. 62. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Removal of the Queen of Scots from Sir Walter Aston's; conducted by Sir Walter, Mr. Gresley, Mr. Chetwynd, and others. The Queen's address to the poor folks at Sir Walter's gate. Her visit to Curril's wife, who was delivered of a child in her absence. Her request that the child might be baptized, and bear her name, which was refused. The Queen baptizes it herself. Her papers taken away. Her exclamations. What is to be done with Pierrepont, Melvill, and Pasquier?

August 28. 63. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. Phelippes. Returns Morgan's letter. Both he [Walsyngham] and Giffard have been much abused. Consideration to be made to Giffard. Some stuff for secret writing to be sent over to him.

August 29. 64. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Pasquier Chartley. comes to him herewith. Has received the "articles," which shall be answered with speed.

August. 65. "The names of the Scottishe Queenes famylie remayninge at Chartley, the 29th of August 1586, and in what roomes they serve."

August 30. 66. Sir Amias Powlet to Lord Burghley and Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mr. Darell dispatched to view Fotheringay. Shall be happy to be removed out of this country, and suggests the appointment of a fresh Keeper.

August 30. 67. Confession of Anthony Tyrell, addressed to Lord Burghley, giving particulars of an interview with Pope Gregory XIII, respecting the absolution of any person who should kill the Queen of England, and the part taken in it by one Foskew to get the design accomplished.

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August 31. 68. Further confession of Anthony Tyrell, in answer to certain "articles" proposed to him, of persons privy to his departure from England, his arrival in France, the design to kill the Queen, communication with Ballard, interview with the Pope, the killing the Queen proposed to him, his answer, &c.

August 31. 69. Anthony Tyrell to Lord Burghley. Apologises for delay in answering his "articles." Professes repentance for his past conduct. Begs to be taken up on the shoulders of his Lordship's favour.

August ? 70. Gilbert Giffard to the English Ambassador in France. Respecting a letter from Sir Francis Walsyngham, which he has received from the French Ambassador's Secretary, and cannot decipher.

August ? 71. Gilbert Giffard to Thomas Phelipps. Received his letter by Cordaillot. As they have discovered all, he is in great disgrace with them. Recommends discretion. Cannot read his letter, as he left his cipher behind him. They will find him the same man as long as they will deal secretly. [Not signed.]

Sept. 1. 72. The French Ambassador in England to Mons. Courcelles in Scotland. [In cipher.]

Sept. ? 73. Another letter from the French Ambassador to Mons. Courcelles. [Also in cipher.]

Sept. 2. 74. Articles [interrogatories] to be ministred to Pasquier, as to his knowledge of any practice for setting the Queen of Scots at liberty, and the proceedings of the Catholic gentry of England, &c. [In the handwriting of Sir Francis Walsyngham.]

Sept. 2. London. 75. Monsieur Pasquier's answer to these interrogatories. Fr.

Sept. 2. 76. Further confession by Anthony Tyrell, addressed to Lord Burghley, of a design by the priests and gentlemen about London to send him and Ballard to Scotland, great consultations for the delivery of the Queen of Scots, and other matters.

Sept. 3. London. 77. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Sends a statement as ordered. Hopes for his discharge, and then looks for the continuance of their good offices.

Sept. 3. 78. Statement by Mons. Nau, addressed to the Council of England, recapitulating his endeavours to consolidate a good feeling between the two Queens; the suspicion conceived of him by the Queen of Scots' friends in France; her wish to live quietly; her discontent at the treaty made with her son without her participation in it; the intended rising of the Catholics communicated to her; her letter; and his own proceedings merely in accordance with her orders. Fr.

[Sept.] 79. "Memoir" of Mons. Nau, submittting to the Queen of England, begging the delivery of his money to him, and requesting permission to send to his brother-in-law, Du Ruisseau. Fr.

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Sept. 3. 80. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Thomas Phelippes. Incloses copies of intercepted letters of M. d'Esneval and M. Chateauneuf, of which he would be glad to know the substance. Instructs him to search for such minutes as have been drawn up by Nau and Curr.

Sept. 3. 81. Another declaration, or confession, by Anthony Tyrell, "of fforaine practyses against her Mat^e and the realme, wth the names of them that have been furderers of the attempts."

Sept. 3. 82. Gilbert Giffard to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Entreats to know how he can serve him. Never meant to deal otherwise than plainly.

Sept. 4. 83. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Thomas Phelippes. Curr testifies the receipt of Babington's letter, the Queen of Scots' answer, and Nau's being a principal instrument it, therefore begs him [Phelippes] to see her Majesty [of England] and to learn her pleasure as to the expediency of granting her favour to Curr, in hope of drawing information from him worthy her knowledge.

[Sept. 4.] 84. "An extract of the poyntes contayned in the minutes written by Nau and Curle, arguing theyr privitye to the enterprise of the catholikes and theyr M_{ris} plotte." [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Sept. 4. 85. "Arguments of Nau and Curle; theyr privitye to the whole conspiracye as well of invasion as rebellion and murder of the Q. person." [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Sept. 4. 86. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. Acquaints him with the Queen's pleasure concerning the treatment of the Queen of Scots. They are now in consultation to have her brought directly to the Tower, and proceeded against according to the statute made in the last Parliament.

Sept. 5. 87. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Sir Amias Powlet. The Queen's orders that the Queen of Scots' money should be seized, and her servants divided from her. The Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, and Mr. Vice Chamberlain meet this afternoon, and he will presently be advertised of their resolution, either for the removing of the Queen to Fotheringay or the bringing her to the Tower.

Sept. 5. 88. Gilbert Curr's confession respecting Queen Mary's letter to Babington, and his reply.

Sept. 5 & 6. 89. "Mons. Nau; his confession of the manner of writing and making upp of his M_{ris} pacquetz, and y^t she worte Babington's letter with her owne hand. Confessed before the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, Lord Admiral, and Mr. Vice Chamberlyn." Fr. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

Sept. 5 & 6. 90. Another copy of the same.

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Sept. 6. 91. "A summary of y^e examinations and confessions of the conspirators," George Gifford, Savage, Ballard, Babington, Tichborne, Barnewell, and others, suspected and charged as implicated in Babington's conspiracy.

Sept. 6. 92. "Articles whereupon Richard Bold was examined," as to his communications with one Peckham and others, their going into the country, their communications with a young kinswoman, going to mass, &c.

Sept. 6. 93. "The examination of Richard Bolde," being the substance of his answers to the above mentioned articles.

Sept. 7. 94. William Waad to Mr. Thomas Phelipps. Her Majesty desires him to come down there immediately, as, from Nau's confession, it appears they have overlooked some letters which he says were in Pasquier's chests.

[Sept. 9.] 95. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Thomas Phelipps. Begs him to bring to the Court such secret advertisements as he has received from Gilbert Giffard and others.

Sept. 10. 96. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Thomas Phelipps. Desires him to furnish extracts of certain letters to be shown by Mr. Douglas to the King of Scotland.

Sept. 10. 97. Protestation by Mons. Nau to the Queen of England, stating that he knows nothing of this practice or enterprise more than is contained in the inclosed, and beseeching her to receive it in part of satisfaction for his offence. Fr.

Sept. 10. 98. Statement by Mons. Nau, addressed to the Queen of England [probably that inclosed in the preceding], recapitulating particulars of divers transactions in which the Queen of Scots had taken part, but protesting that she had no connexion or concern with the designs of Babington and others. Fr. *[Indorsed by Lord Burghley, "Nau's long declaration of thyngs of no importance sent privately to her Ma^w."]*

Sept. 12. 99. The examination of Richard Bolde, respecting his connexion with one Peckham, and two strangers, and their going into the country.

Sept. 13 and 14. 100. Particulars of the treasons committed by Savage, Ballard, Babington, Tichborne, and others, and upon which they were condemned.

Sept. 14. 101. John Giffard to Thomas Phelipps. Has written to his unfortunate son [Gilbert] whom Savage's confession toucheth so nearly. Requests that Savage may be examined as to his [John Giffard's] participation in his son's guilt.

Sept. 15. 102. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' willingness to remove. Money found in Nau's casket. Silver pieces showing his malicious, cankered, and traitorous heart towards her Majesty. The Queen's seals.

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Sept. 16. 103. Secret advertisements [to Walsyngham] :—Conference with John Poole, a Sussex man; his opinion of Babington's proceedings; diligence of Father Garlyk, the Demonite, in Hampshire and Dorsetshire. Racking of Ballard the priest.

Sept. 17. 104. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs his intercession with the Queen for his liberation, and in the meantime that, for the sake of his health, he may be allowed to take the air.

Sept. 19. 105. Francis Mylles to [Sir Francis Walsyngham]. Reports his communication with Nau respecting La Rue: his connexion with the Queen of Scots. Letters written to the Pope, &c.

[Sept. 19.] 106. Anthony Babington to _____. Entreats him to speak to Mr. Flower in his behalf. Could pay the thousand pounds offered to Mr. Rawley, if his pardon could be procured. Prays his intercession with Mr. Vice Chamberlain, to whom he could do more service than would recompense his fault. [Not signed. *Indorsed "Babington's motion y^e daye afor his deth."*]

Sept. 21. 107. Matters wherewith Currill is to be charged, respecting Babington's letter to the Queen of Scots; her answer; and the means of carrying out the design mentioned in it, &c.

Sept. 21. 108. Letter in cipher, deciphered, respecting a report spread against the person addressed, that he was practising a marriage for the son of the Duke of Parma with the Lady Arbella Stewart. [Indorsed by Phelippes "From Clitherow to Baynes."]

Sept. 21 and 22. 109. Confession of Christopher Byers, respecting his connexion with certain priests, Dr. Allen, Giffard, the Earl of Westmoreland, &c.

Sept. 24. 110. Lord Burghley to Mr. Phelippes. Letters delivered to him by the Queen in the handwriting of Nau and Currill. Some of which he need not deal about, as they are signed with their own hands. The Queen wishes him to return.

Sept. ? 111. "Points to be considered in the proceeding against the Scottish Queene;" whether her accusation is to be in writing; what is to be done if she will not answer, &c.

Sept. 27. 112. Names of "Lordes and others of the Privy Cunsell to be at Westm^r 27 September." [Indorsed "Names of the Commissioners for Fodringhay."]

Sept. 25. 113. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mr. Thomas George repairs to Court to report to the Queen the circumstances of the removal of the Queen of Scots to Fotheringay.

Sept. 27. 114. Lord Burghley to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs him to send to Mr Phelippes for certain letters, which will be wanted at the meeting of the Lords in the morning.

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Sept. 29. 115. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Glad that Fotheringay. he is appointed a Commissioner to come there; his own health has improved since he left Chartley.

Sept 30. 116. "Articles for Pasquier;" questions to be put to him respecting the correspondence of the Queen of Scots. [Certified by Sir Owen Hopton, E. Barker, and Mr. T. Phelippes.]

Sept. 30. 117. The examination and answers of Jerome Pasquier to the preceding articles.

[Sept.] 118. Anonymous [Gilbert Giffard] to Mr. Phellipps. Professes his honesty. Would fain see Dr. Allen at Rome. Begs that he will send the ten pounds.

Sept. 119. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. Curr. The favour already granted to him is extraordinary, considering the foulness of his offence. Shall have better ground to intercede for him when he shall lay himself open, and show a disposition to deserve the Queen's favour.

[Sept.] 120. Extracts of numerous letters of the Queen of Scots, the confession of Ballard, &c., being evidence to be produced against her on her trial.

[Sept.] 121. "Matters to prove the Scottish Queen to be privy unto, and a partaker of like former plots, gathered out of her own letters."

[Sept.] 122. "A memorial how the tenne parcells of extractes and copyes of the Scottish Queen's intercepted letters, delivered to Mr. Wotton, are to be used." [In the handwriting of Mr. Phellipps.]

[Sept.] 123. Copy of the same. [Also by Mr. Phelippes.]

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Oct. 1. 1. Extract of an article out of certain instructions given by the Queen of Scots to Mons. Fontenay on the 25th November, 1584, respecting an intended enterprise against England, and the King of Scotland's fear that it would be executed without him. [Certified by Mons. Pasquier on the 1st October 1586.]

Oct. 4. 2. Mr. William Davison to Lord Burghley. Receipt of letters concerning Tyrell. The Queen's pleasure as to the style to be adopted towards the Queen of Scots, and respecting the prorogation of Parliament. God bless this journey of his Lordship's.

Windsor.

Oct. 5. 3. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Arrangements for his [Walsyngham's] chamber there, and for their horses. Thinks every day three till he comes.

Fotheringay.

Oct. 6. 4. Mons. Courcelles, French Ambassador in Scotland, to Mons. Chateauneuf, French Ambassador in England. Informing him of his efforts to induce the King of Scotland to intercede boldly in behalf of his mother. [The greater part in cipher.]

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Oct. 6. 5. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Amias Powlet. Incloses letters of credit for the Commissioners, which he is to deliver to the Queen of Scots.

Oct. 6. Windsor. 6. Queen Elizabeth to Queen Mary. Understanding that she denies privy to any attempt against her, and finding that the same by clear proof will be verified against her, sends divers of her Nobles and Judges to charge her with the same ; and, as she is chargeable to the laws of England, desires her to answer to the said Nobles anything which they may object against her.

[Oct.] 7. Names of the Commissioners selected to try the Queen of Scots.

Oct. 7. 8. Queen Elizabeth to Lord Burghley and Sir Francis Walsyngham. Authorizes them to use their discretion respecting the manner of first communicating with the Queen of Scots ; also in respect to any private interview with her if she should require it, and in regard to the inexpediency of admitting the public to observe their proceedings.

Oct. 7. 9. The letter of Mons. Fontenay to Queen Mary, detailing his negotiations with King James respecting the proposed "association" in the rule of Scotland with his mother. Described vol. xii., No. 40., with other papers, certified by Monsieur Pasquier, Oct. 7, 1586.

Oct. 8. 10. Queen Elizabeth to Lord Burghley and Sir Francis Walsyngham. Authorizes them to consent to a private interview with the Queen of Scots in case she should require it.

Oct. 8. 11. Confession by Mons. Pasquier made in the Tower of London, respecting the letters written by him while in the service of the Queen of Scots, and also respecting a proposed "enterprise." Fr.

[Oct.] 12. Relation of an interview between Sir Walter Mildmay, Sir Amias Powlet, and Edward Barker and the Queen of Scots ; their delivery of the Queen of England's letters to her ; her refusal to answer as her subject ; and protestation of her innocence.

Oct. 12. 13. Relation of another interview, and of Queen Mary's refusal to submit to the laws of England.

October. 14. Queen Elizabeth to Lord Burghley. Hearing that the Scottish Queen refuses to submit herself to be tried by them, desires him, in case they still proceed against her and find her guilty, nevertheless to defer passing sentence on her until they can return to her presence, and report their proceedings.

Oct. 21. Rains. 15. Marie de Seton to Mons. de Courcelettes, in Scotland. Respecting her long absence from Scotland, and expressing sorrow to hear of new troubles arisen to the Queen her mistress. Fr.

Oct. 22. Fotheringay. 16. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Respecting the sending for some of the Queen's attendants from Chartley. Is he to see his charge [the Queen of Scots] often ? God send them a good journey to the Court.

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Oct. 24. 17. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Illness of the Queen of Scots; her cheerfulness; her conversation about some of the Commissioners who had been there. She is evidently void of all fear of harm.

Oct. 25. 18. Sir Francis Walsyngham to Mr. Phelipps. Sends two papers, to which he is to get the signature of my Lord Treasurer.

Oct. 29. 19. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. The Queen of Scots' sickness. Much comforted by his letters.

Oct. 31. 20. Anonymous to [Sir Francis Walsyngham]. Conversation with various priests respecting the wrongs of the good Scottish Queen. Oath taken by the Guise respecting her. A fellow, called Bawde, whom the papists extol for his wisdom; expedience of clipping his wings. Offers to serve in Scotland.

October ? 21. The opinion of the civilians what may be done with an Ambassador if he prove a practiser against the State; whether a Prince which hath come into another Prince's kingdom, and is kept under custody, may have his procurator, and whether he may be holden for an Ambassador, &c.

October ? 22. "Resons owt of the ciuil lawe to proue that it standeth with justis to prosede criminally against the Q. of Scottes." [In the handwriting of Mr. Henry Lok.]

October ? 23. Two opinions, the latter one of great length, respecting the legality of proceeding to the execution of the Queen of Scots in England, although she have been a Sovereign Prince of another country.

October ? 24. "A note of sundrye treatyes w^t the Scot. Queene," since her coming into England.

October ? 25. Copy of the same.

Nov. 11. 26. Anonymous to [Sir Francis Walsyngham]. Great lamentation at Clerkenwell College for the apprehension of Mr. Vaux. "These people" [the Catholics] say that the Scottish Queen shall not die, for that her Majesty dare not put her to death for fear of after claps.

Nov. 13. 27. Sir Amias Powlet to Lord Burghley. Expresses the great joy Fotheringay. he feels that Sir Drew Drury hath been chosen to be his assistant in this charge.

Nov. 15. 28. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Commendation of Mr. Stallenge, who leaves there. Arrival of Sir Drew Drury. Has sent his letters to Sir Richard Dyer. The gaining or losing of one day may be the gaining or losing of a kingdom.

Nov. [16.] 29. Instructions from Queen Elizabeth to Lord Buckhurst and Mr. Robert Beale to declare to the Queen of Scots the sentence passed against her, and the universal demand for its execution.

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Nov. 16. 30. Queen Elizabeth to Sir Amias Powlet. Informs him that she has sent Lord Buckhurst and Mr. Beale to declare to the Queen of Scots the proceedings of the Commissioners and the late proceedings in Parliament, and desires him to permit them to have access to her.

Nov. 21. 31. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Complains of the posts. Her Majesty's liberality towards his servants and soldiers. The Queen of Scots' tediousness.

Nov. 21. 32. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Respecting Fotheringay. the discharge of some trained soldiers who had been appointed to be sent there out of Huntingdonshire.

Nov. 24. 33. Queen Mary to the Duke of Guise. Bids him adieu. Is Fotheringay. about to suffer death by an unjust judgment, but hopes that it will testify her constancy in the faith. Recommends her servants to him, the payment of her debts, and the foundation of an obit for her soul. Begs blessings on him and his family. He will receive tokens to remind him to pray for his poor cousin. Recommends the bearer to him. Mentions her late sufferings and the insult offered to her by the removal of her dais. Fr.

Nov. 30. 34. William Waad to Mr. Davison. Respecting some accounts of the Queen of Scots, which were amongst her writings, which he wishes to be conveyed to him. Cecill House.

Dec. 2. 35. Mons. Pasquier to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs his deliverance or some money, and the opportunity of doing him service. Fr.

Dec. 2. 36. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs a supply of money and other thing mentioned in the "memoir." *Incloses,*

36. i. *A note of articles which Mons. Nau requires to have for his necessities: clothes, books, &c. Fr. December 2.*

Dec. 4. 37. "A true Copie of the Proclamation lately published by the Richmond. Queenes Maiestie, under the Great Seale of England, for the declaring of the sentence lately giuen against the Queene of Sccttes."

Imprinted at London, by Christopher Barker.

Dec. 4. 38. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Should fear Fotheringay. lest Fotheringay were forgotten, if he did not know that the Lady under his charge had given great cause to be remembered. Has a steadfast hope of a happy resolution. Begs a word or two if his leisure will permit.

Dec. 14. 39. ————— to Robert Bowes. A long letter respecting the designs of Babington and the Catholics generally, the absolute necessity of the Queen of Scots' death, and its justice according to Scripture. [Indorsed by Walsyngham "from Barton to Mr. R. Bowes.]

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40. Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth. Begs that her servants may be allowed to bury her body in holy ground in France; that they may witness her execution; that she may send back with her last words a jewel which her Majesty gave her; that she may send a relic and a last adieu to her son. Complains of the cruelty of removing her dais. Prays that she may die in charity with all those who have been concerned in her death. Fr. [Imperfect.]

Dec. 21.

41. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Reminds him of his wants. Begs that he may send instruction to his brother-in-law to recover certain monies which are owing to him. *Incloses,*

41. I. *Humble supplications of Mons. Nau, for answer from the Queen of England to his offers, for particular papers, money, &c. Fr.* December 21.

Dec. 31.

42. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Forwards papers for the Queen of Scots. Waits answer to his former supplications. Fr.

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43. A list of letters sent to and from the Queen of Scots, with memoranda by Lord Burghley.

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44. "A note of such things as were taken away [stolen] wth were the Quene of Scottes." Glass, jewellery, money, &c.

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45. Gilbert Giffard to Mr. Phelippes. Unjustly suspected. Defies the world. Shall return to England and clear himself. Denies having delivered certain letters. Explains the reason of his going somewhere with Paget. Esteems nothing more than that her Majesty and Mr. Secretary may see his affection. Particulars of Morgan, and Dr. Giffard. Denies that any one ever talked to him of Ballard on that side the water. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

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Jan. 2.

1. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs the delivery to the bearer of a Privy Seal for 100*l.*, intended by the Queen as a reward for the soldiers serving there. The Queen of Scots complains that some papers of account are kept from her.

Jan. 2.

London.

2. Mons. Cordaillot to Mons. du Ruisseau. The matter of the Queen of Scots. Mons. de Bellievre has done marvellously well in his negotiation, although it did not succeed as was hoped. He goes this day. Nau in good cheer at Walsyngham's. The Master of Gray and Melville sent from the King of Scots about the business there. Fr.

Jan. 5.

London.

3. Mons. de L'Aubespine Chateauneuf to the Bishop of Glasgow. Zeal of Mons. Bellièvre in his negotiation for the Queen of Scots. Strict custody of the Queen. Gray and Sir Robert Melvill have come from Scotland, but they have not yet had audience of the Queen. Fr.

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Jan. 6. 4. Sir Christopher Hatton and Mr. Davison to the Lord Treasurer. Have had Moody before them, but can draw nothing of substance from him. Request advice as to the confronting him with Du Trap.

Jan. 10. Ely House. 5. William Davison to Thomas Phelippes. Has orders from the Queen to send expressly for him, therefore desires him to be there this evening without fail. The French Ambassador's pacquets must be got ready to be delivered up to him.

Jan. 12. 6. Memoranda of letters to and from the Queen of Scots, with their dates.

Jan. 28. 7. Mons. Pasquier to Mr. Phelippes. Respecting money matters and the accounts of the Queen of Scots.

[Jan.] 8. "A project of a discoors touching the Scot. Q." "The dangerous alteracyon likely to insue bothe in Englande and Scotlande, in case the executyon of the Scot. Q. be stayed," and "a consideration of the perills that may growe by the executing of the said Q."

Jan. Considerations respecting the policy and justice of the proposed execution of Mary Queen of Scots, entitled, "The Question is whether it were behoovefull for her Matie to put y^e Scot. Queene to death, or to keepe her in prison." [Dom., Eliz., Vol. xlv., p. 106.]

Feb. 9. Queen Elizabeth's commission to the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Kent, and others to proceed to the execution of the Queen of Scots.

Feb. 10. Another copy, in the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.

Feb. 11. Another copy.

Feb. 8. Fotheringay. 12. Sir Amias Powlet, Sir Drue Drury and Mr. Davison. Desire to know what is to be done with the families of that castle and Chartley [the Scottish Queen's attendants.] Money. The Queen's plate. Sir Drue Drury's desire to be recalled. God make them all thankful for his late singular favours. These two Earls [bearers of the letter] have shewed a very singular and faithful affection to her Majesty's service in this action.

Feb. 8. Fotheringay. 13. Sir Amias Powlet to Mr. Davison. If he should say that he had burned the papers perhaps everybody would not believe him; therefore he reserves them for delivery by his own hands.

[Feb.] 14. "A true report of the death of that rare and princely martyr Mary Stuarde late Q. of Skottlande, executed for her conscience at Fotheringhey Castell in Northamptonshire, the 8 of February 1587." Indorsed "A Papist's report of the manner of the Scottish Queen's death."

[Feb.] 15. Copy of the same.

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Feb. 16. "A note of things to be resolved on for the direction of Sir Amias Poulet," respecting the discharge of the Scotish Queen's servants, what shall be done with her body, &c. [With memoranda of answers to the same by Sir Francis Walsyngham.]

Feb. 11. 17. Statement or confession of John Allen respecting his custody of Mons. Nau, the communications that passed between them, respecting Nau's love for Mistress Elizabeth Pierrepont, and upon other matters on which he communicated with Nau.

Feb. 21. London. 18. Mons. Nau to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Begs the forwarding of a packet to France.

Feb. 22. Mansfield in Sherwood. 19. Anonymous to [Mr. Phelippes]. Reports a conversation he has had with Mrs. Curr respecting the King of Scots' taking revenge for the death of his mother.

Feb. 25. Fotheringay. 20. Sir Amias Powlet to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Has brought the Queen of Scots' servants from Chartley and discharged all the soldiers. The Queen's plate, jewels, &c. What she gave to her servants. The embalming her body was committed to the Sheriff of the County and a physician of Stamford. *Incloses,*

20. I. "An inventorye of the jewells, plate, money, and other goods found in the custodye of the several servaunts of the late Quene of Scotts." Comprising a bed, a piece of an unicorn's horn, certain pictures, a tablet of enamelled gold containing a picture of the King of Scotland, pictures of the King and Queen of France, bracelets with a history of the Passion of Christ, cups of ebony wood, a bottle of gold with a stone for the cholie, rings, a Matins book with clasps of gold, &c. *Fotheringay, February 20.*

Feb. ? 21. Memoranda of the wishes of the servants of the Queen of Scots. Mr. Melvill, who remains with Mr. Bagot, prays to go to London on his way to Scotland. The priest who is with Mr. Gresley desires to go to France, &c.

Feb. ? 22. Memorial from Mons. Nau, praying that he may see certain of the Queen of Scots' servants before they go to France, for the delivery to him of certain books and other goods. Fr.

Feb. ? 23. Statement of monies due by the King of France to the Queen of Scots on the day of her death. Fr.

March 2. 24. Laird of Pury Ogilvy to Mr. Archibald Douglas. Courcelles' letters taken from his servant. The King of Scots' resolution not to embrace the former ainity with England. Jealousy between the Master of Gray and the Scottish Secretary. [In the handwriting of Mr. Phelippes.]

March 11. St. Peter's Hill. 25. Thomas Randolph to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Mr. Davison's misery at her Majestys displeasure; he denies any fault or error, but appeals to them all, who were partakers of the fact, to stand by him constantly and faithfully.

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March 17. 26. Thomas Barnes to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Confesses having conveyed letters for the Queen of Scots, having been enticed thereto by his cousin Giffard ; and craves pardon for the same.

March 27. 27. Statement made by some of Queen Elizabeth's ministers at the Lord Chancellor's house in Westminster, respecting the Commission for the execution of the Queen of Scots, its being brought to them by Mr. Davison, their reasons for signing it, &c.

March 27. 28. Copy of the same.

March 27. 29. Another copy.

March 28. 30. Andrew Melvill and Mons. Bourgoing to Sir Amias Powlet. Fotheringay. Desire answers to certain requests, for leave to sell their horses, to write to France respecting the bequests made them by the Queen of Scots, for restoration of certain money, &c.

March. 31. Memoranda by Lord Burghley, of answers to be made to the preceding requests.

April. 32. "An estimate of the householde chardges like to be at Fotheringaye Castle after the departure thence of S^r Amyce Poulet by the weeke."

June 12. 33. Marmaduke Darell and James Guys to Sir Amias Powlet. Fotheringay. Complaints of the Scotish Queen's servants. Their petition to the Queen. A fault in the coffin where the dead body lieth ; the cause was found and the fault mended, yet they have no will to come very near it.

June 12. 34. "The petition of the wholl household and seruants of the late Quene of Scotland remaining at Fotheringhai," begging to be released from their prison there, and to be allowed to leave the country.

July 23. 35. Mr. Darell's requests respecting the number of the servants of the Queen of Scots to attend her funeral ; means required to take them away after the funeral, &c.

July 30. 36. William Dethick, Garter King of Arms, to Lord Burghley. Peterborough. The appearance of the nobility and ladies will be complete according to his order. Lord St. John to be steward and Lord Dudley to be chamberlain. All the others have had their blacks, the Lady Cromwell excepted, in whose place they have appointed Mrs. Allington, as youngest lady of the chief mourners.

August 1. 37. Account of the removal of the body of Mary Queen of Scots from Fotheringay Castle to Peterborough Cathedral, with ceremonial of the funeral procession, &c., together with a drawing of the standard, great banner, helm, crest, coats of arms, &c., carried in the procession.

August 1. 38. "The chardges of Diet for the Scottishe Queens ffuneralles at Peterborowe. Mondaye, supper, the laste of Julie, and Tuesdaie, dynner, the firste of Auguste."

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August. 39. "The declaration of th' accompte of Marmaduke Darell and Richarde Cox, gentlemen, appoynted by Lord Burghley to receaue diverse and sondrye somes of money, for defrayinge of the chardges of dyetts at the ffuneralls of Lady Mary, late Quene of Scots, solemnized in the Cathedrall Churche of Peterboroughe the first day of Auguste."

August. 40. List of the servants of the Queen of Scots who are to have passports. Fr.

August. 41. Account of monies belonging to divers attendants of the Queen of Scots, which Mons. Nau had in his possession, and which he desires may be delivered up to them.

Oct. 16. 42. Memorandum by Dr. John Hammond, acknowledging the receipt from Sir Francis Walsyngham of a report of the process and evidence given against the late Queen of Scots at Fotheringay.

October ? 43. "A note of papers concerning the Queene of Scotland." A list of letters written to her from April 1584, to January 1586-7, and of papers relative to Scotland.

October ? 44. Another list of letters to the Queen of Scots from divers persons.

October ? 45. "Deuises du lict de la Royne." Latin sentences and a description of devices upon a bed, probably upon the hangings, and perhaps the bed of Queen Mary.

1587 ? 46. A narrative of Scottish history, in the handwriting of Monsieur Nau, secretary to Mary Queen of Scots, commencing with the accession of the Queen to the throne of Scotland on the death of her father, King James 5th, at the age of seven days, 18 Dec. 1542, and terminating with some account of the invasion of Scotland by the forces of England in 1545. Fr.

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